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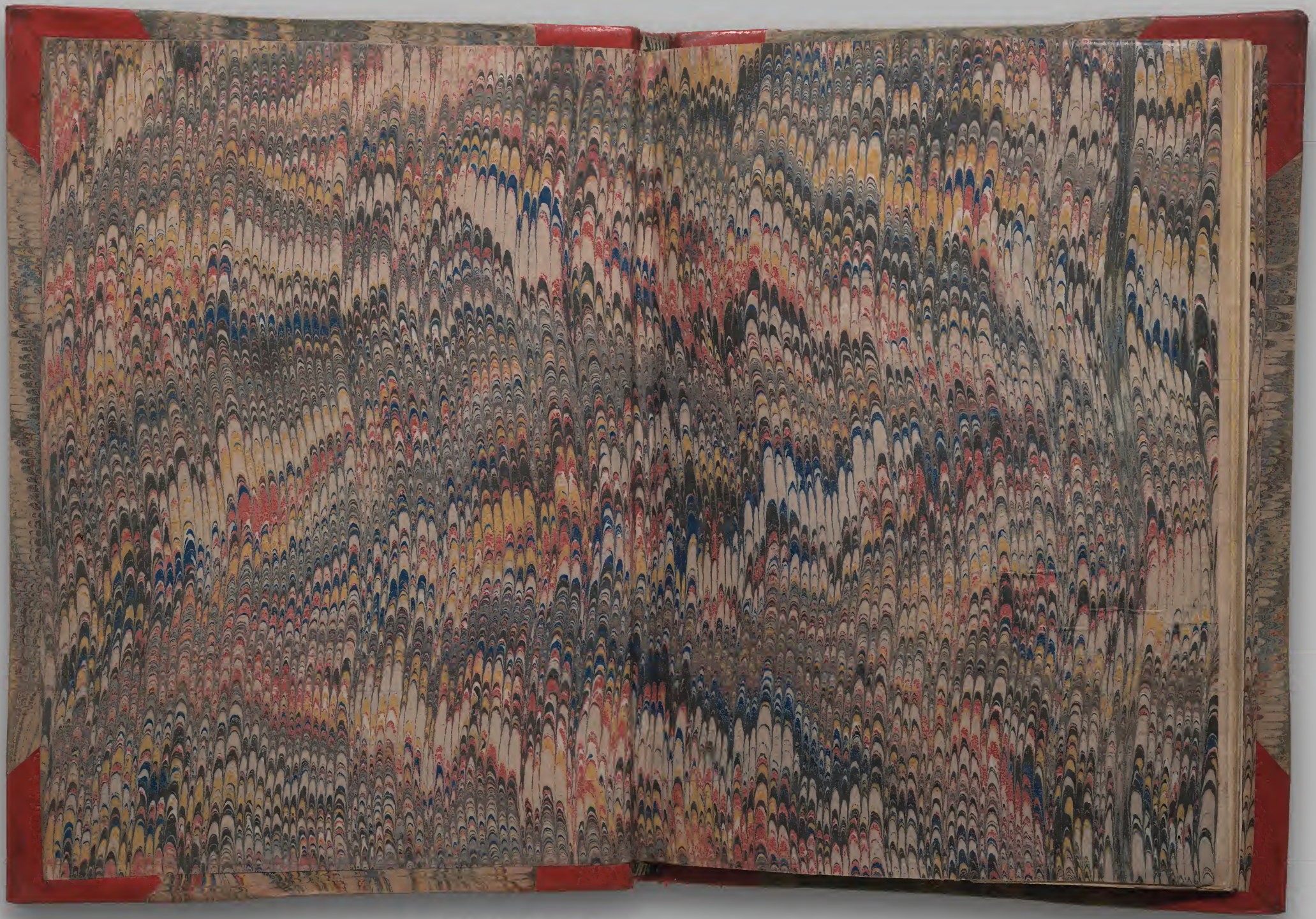

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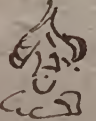

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King. Then call them to our presence face to face,
and frowning brow to brow, ourselves will hear
Th'accuser, and the accused, freely speake:
High stomach'd are they both, and full of ire
In rage, deafe as the Sea, hasty as fire.

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The Life and Death of King Richard the second.

Actus Primus, Scæna Prima.

Enter King, Richard, Iohn of Gaunt with other Nobles and Attendants

King Richard.

Old John of Gaunt, time-honoured Lancaster,
Hast thou according to thy oath and band,
Brought hither Henry Herford, thy bold son:
Here to make good, the boysterous late appeale
which then our leisure would not let us heare,
Against the Duke of Norfolke, Thomas Mowbray?

Gaunt. I have my Liege.

King. Tell me moreover, hast thou sounded him,
If he appeale the Duke on ancient malice,
Or worthily as a good Subiect should
On some knowne ground of treachery in him.

Gaunt. As neere as I could sift him on that argument,
On some apparant danger seene in him
Aymed at your highnesse, no inveterate malice.

King

The Life and Death

Enter Bullingbroke, and Mowbray.

Bul. Many yeeres of happy dayes befall
My gracious Soverdeigne, my loving Liege.
Mow. Each day still better others happinesse,
Untide the heavens envying earths good hap,
adde an immortall title to your Crowne.
King. We thanke you both, yet one but flatters us,
As well appeareth by the cause you come
namely to appeale each other of high treason.
Cosin of Hereford, what dost thou object
Against the Duke of Norfolke, Thomas Mowbray?
Bul. First (Heaven be the record of my speech)
In the devotion of a subjects love,
Tendring the precious safety of my prince,
And free from other misbegotten hate,
Come I appelant to his princely presence.
Now Thomas Mowbray, doe I turne to thee
And marke my greeting well, for what I speak
My body shall make good upon this earth,
Or my divine Soule answer it in Heaven.
Thou art a Traytor, and a miscreant;
Too good to be so, and too bad to live,
Since the more fair and Christall is the skie,
The uglier seemes the clouds, that in it flye.
Once more, the more to aggravate the note
With a foule traitors name, stuffe I thy throat,
And wish (so please my Soverdeigne) ere I move
What my tongue speakes, my right drawne sword
may prove.
Mow: Let not my cold words here accuse my zeale
Tis not the triall of a womans warre,
The bitter clamour of two eager tongues,
Can arbitrate this cause betwixt us twaine;
The blood is hot that must be cold for this,
Yet can I not of such tame patience boast

of Richard the Second.

As to be hush't, and nought at all to say.
First, the faire reverence of your Highnesse curbs me
From giving reines and spurres to my free speech,
Which else would post, untill it had returned
(End of ij 2d: page)
These termes of reason, doubly downe his throat.
Setting aside his high blouds royalty,
And let him be no kinsman to my Liege,
I doe defie him, and spit at him,
Call him a slanderous Coward, and a Villaine:
Which to maintaine, I would allow him odds,
And meet him, were I tide to runne a foote,
Even to the frozen ridges of the Alpes,
Or any other ground inhabitable,
Where ever Englishman durst set his foote.
Meane time, let this defend my loyalty,
By all my hopes most falsely doth he lye.
Bul: Pale trembling Coward, there I throw my gage,
Disclaiming here the kindred of the King,
And lay aside my high blouds royalty,
Which feare, not reverence makes me to except

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If guiltie dread have left thee so much strength
as to take up mine honours pawne, then
By that, and all the rights of Knighthood else,
Will I make good against thee arme to arme
What I have spoken, or thou canst devise.
Mow: I take it up, and by that sword I sweare
which gently layd my Knighthood on my shoulder,
Ile answer thee in any faire degree,
Or Chivalrous designe of Knightly tryall:
And when I mount, alive may I not light
If I be traytor, or unjustly fight.
King: What doth our Cousin lay to Mowbrayes charge?
It must be great that can inherite us,
So much as of a thought of ill in him.
Bul: Looke what I said my life shall prove it true:
That Mowbray hath receiv'd eight thousand nobles,
In name of lendings for your highnesse Souldiers:
The which he hath detain'd for lewd imployments,
Like a false Traytor, & injurious Villaine.

Besides I say, and will in battell prove,
Or here or elsewhere to the furthest verge
That ever was surveyd by English eye,
(End of 3d. page.)
That all the treasons of these eighteene yeares
Complotted & contrived in this Land,
Fetcht from false Mowbray their first head & Spring.
Further I say & further will maintaine
Upon his bad life, to make all this good,
That he did plot the Duke of Glosters death,
Suggest his soone beleeving adversaries,
And consequently like a traytor Coward,
Sluc'd out his innocent soule through streames of blood:
Which blood, like sacrificing Abels cryes,
(Even from ỹ tongueless caverns of the earth)
To me for Justice, and rough chastisement:
And by the glorious worth of my descent,
This arme shall doe it, or this life be spent.
King.

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King: How high a pitch his resolution s
Thomas of Norfolke, wt sayest thou to th
Mow: Oh let my soveraigne turne away
And bid his eares a little while be deafe
Till I have told this slander of his blo
How God and good men hate so fowle a
King: Mowbray, impartiall are our eyes
Were he our brother, nay, our Kingdomes he
As he is but our fathers brothers sonne,
Now by my Scepters awe, I make a vow
Such neighbour-neerenesse to our sacred
Should nothing priviledge him, nor part
The unstooping firmenesse of our upri
He is our subject (Mowbray) so art th
Free speech and feaerlesse, I to thee a
Mow: Thin Bullingbrooke as low as
Thrugh the false passage of thy throat; th
Three parts of that receipt I had for Callis
Dis

Disburst I to his Highnesse souldiers;
The other part reserv'd I by consent,
For that my Soveraigne Liege was in my debt,
Upon remainder of a dear account,
Since last I went to France to fetch his Queene:
Now swallow downe that lye. For Glosters death
(End of 4th side)
I slew him not; but to mine own disgrace)
Neglected my sworne duty in that case:
For you my Noble Lord of Lancaster,
The honourable father to my foe,
Once I did lay an ambush for yr. life,
A trespasse that doth vex my grieved soule:
But ere I last receiv'd the Sacrament,
I did confesse it, and exactly begg'd
Your Graces pardon, and I hope I had it.
This is my fault: as for the rest appeal'd
It

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It ipues from ỹ rancour of a villaine,
A recreant, and most degenerate Traytr
which in my selfe I boldly will defie
And enterchangeably hurle downe my gl
Upon this overweening Traitors foot,
To prove my self a loyall Gentlema
Even in the best blood chambred in his
bosome
In haste whereof most heartily I pray
Your Highnesse to assigne our tryall d
King: Wrath kindled Gentlemen be m
by me
Let purge this choller without letting
This we prescribe, though no Physitia
Deepe malice makes too deepe incisio
Forget forgive, conclude, and be agre
Our Doctors say, this is no time to bleed
Good Uncle, let this end where it begu
Well calme the Duke of Norfolke, you y
Ba

of Richard the second.

Gaunt: To be a make peace shall become my
age.
Throw downe (my sonne) the Duke of
Norfolkes gage.
King: And Norfolke, throw downe his.
Gaunt. When Harry when? Obedience bids,
Obedience bids, I should not bid again.
King. Norfolke throwe downe, we bid; there
is no boote
Nor: Myselfe I throw (dread Soveraigne) at
thy foot
My life thou shalt command, but not my
shame,
The one my duty owes, but my faire name
Despight of death that lives upon my grave
To darke dishonour use, thou shalt not have
(End of 6t. page)
I am disgraced, impeached & baffled here,
Pierc'd to the Soule with Slanders venomd spear
The which no balme can cure, but his heart
blood
Which breath'd this poyson.
King.

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King. Rage must be withstood:
Give me his gage: Lyons make leopards tame.
Nor: Yea, but not change his spots: take but my shame,
And I resigne my gage. My deare, deare Lord,
The purest treasure mortall times afford
Is spotlesse reputation: that away,
Men are but gilded loame, or painted clay.
A Jewell in a Ten-times barr'd up chest
Is a bold spirit in a loyall brest.
Mine honour is my life; both grow in one,
Take honour from me, and my life is done:
Then (deare my Liege) mine honour let me try,
In that I live, and for that will I die.
King: Cosin throw downe your gage.
Doe you begin.
Bul: Oh heaven defend my Soule from such foule sin.
Shall I seeme Crest-falne in my fathers sight,
Or with pale beggar-feare impeach my height
Be-

Before this out-dard dastard? Ere my tongue,
Shall wound mine honour with such feeble wrong:
Or sound so base a parle: my teeth shall teare
The slavish motive of recanting feare,
And spit it bleeding in his high disgrace,
Where shame doth harbour, even in Mowbrayes face.
Exit Gaunt.
King: We were not borne to sue, but to command,
Which since we cannot doe to make you friends,
Be ready (as your lives shall answer it)
At Coventree, upon Saint Lamberts day:
There shall your Swords and Lances arbitrate
The swelling difference of your settled hate:
Since we cannot attone you, you shall see
Justice

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Justice designe the Victors Chival
Lord Marshall, command our
at Armes,
Be ready &c &c — —

End of 6.th page.

Be ready to direct these home, Alarmes. *Exeunt.*

Scæna Secunda.

Enter Gaunt, and Dutchesse of Glocester.

Gaunt. Alas, the part I had in *Glosters* blood,
Doth more solicite me than your exclaimes,
To stirre against the butchers of his life.
But since correction lyeth in those hands
Which made the fault that we cannot correct,
Put we our quarrell to the will of Heauen,
Who when they see the houres ripe on earth,
Will raigne hot vengeance on offenders heads.
Dut. Finds brotherhood in thee no sharper spurre?
Hath love in thy old blood no liuing fire?
Edwards seven sonnes (whereof thy selfe art one)
Were seven vialles of his sacred blood.
Or seuen faire branches springing from one roote:
Some of those seuen are dryed by natures course,
Some of those branches by the destinies cut:
But *Thomas*, my deare Lord, my life, my *Gloster*,
One Viall full of *Edwards* sacred blood,
One flourishing branch of his most Royall roote
Is crack'd, and all the precious liquor spilt;
Is hackt downe, and his summer leaues all vaded
By Envies hand, and Murders bloody Axe.
Ah *Gaunt*? His blood was thine, that bed, that wombe,
That mettall, that selfe-mould that fashion'd thee,
Made him a man: and though thou liu'st and breath'st,
Yet art thou slaine in him: thou dost consent
In some large measure to thy Fathers death,
In that thou seest thy wretched brother dy,
Who was the modell of thy Fathers life,
Call it not patience (*Gaunt*) it is despaire,
In suffering thus thy brother to be slaughter'd

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Thou shew'st the naked pathway to thy life,
Teaching sterne murther how to butcher thee:
That which in meane men we intitle patience
Is pale cold cowardise in noble breasts:
What shall I say, to safegard thine owne life,
The best way is to venge my *Glosters* death.
Gaunt. Heavens is the quarrell: for Heavens substitute
His Deputy annoynted in his sight,
Hath caus'd his death, the which if wrongfully
Let heaven revenge: for I may neuer lift
An angry arme against his Minister.
Dut. Where then (alas) may I complaine my selfe?
Gan. To heaven, the widdowes Champion to defence.
Dut. Why then I will: farewell old *Gaunt*.
Thou go'st to Coventry, there to behold
Our Cosin *Hereford*, and fell *Mowbray* fight:
O sit my husbands wrongs on *Herefords* speare,
That it may enter butcher Mowbrayes breast:
Or if misfortune misse the first carreere,
Be *Mowbrayes* sinnes so heavy in his bosome,
That they may breake his foaming coursers backe,
And throw the Rider headlong in the Lists,
A Caytiffe recreant to my Cosin *Hereford*.
Farewell old *Gaunt*, thy sometimes brothers wife
With her companion Greefe, must end her life.
Gau. Sister fare well; I must to Coventry,
As much good stay with thee, as go with me.
Dut. Yet one word more Greefe boundeth where it
Not with the empty hollownesse, but weight. (falls,
I take my leaue before I haue begun,
For sorrow ends not: when it seemeth done.
Commend me to my brother *Edward Yorke*.
Loe, this is all: nay yet depart not so,
Though this be all, do nor so quickely goe,
I shall remember more. Bid him, Oh, what?
With all good speed at *Pleshie* visite me.
Alacke, and what shall good old *Yorke* there see
But empty lodgings, and unfurnish'd walles,

Vn-peopl'd Offices, untroden stones?
And what heare there for welcome, but my groanes?
Therefore commend me, let him not come there,
To seeke out sorrow, that dwels every where:
Desolate, desolate will I hence and dye,
The last leave of thee, takes my weeping eye. *Exeunt.*

Scæna Tertia.

Enter Marshall, and Aumerle.

Mar. My L. *Aumerle*, is *Harry Hereford* arm'd?
Aum. Yea, at all poynts, and longs to enter in,
Mar. The Duke of Norfolke, sprightfully and bold,
Stayes but the summons of the Appellants Trumpet.
Au. Why then the Champions, are prepar'd, and stay
For nothing but his Maiesties approach.

Flourish.

Enter King, Gaunt, Bushy, Bagot, Greene, and others: Then Mowbray in Armor, and Harrold.

Rich. Marshall, demand of yonder Champion
The cause of his arrivall here in Armes,
Aske him his name, and orderly proceed
To sweare him in the justice of his cause.
Mar. In Gods Name, and the Kings, say who thou art,
And why thou com'st, thus Knightly clad in Armes?
Against what man thou com'st, and what's thy quarrell,
Speake truely, on thy Knighthood, and thine oath,
As so defend thee heaven, and thy valour.
Mow. My name is *Tho. Mowbray*, Duke of Norfolke,
Who hither come engaged by my oath
(Which heaven defend a Knight should violate)
Both to defend my loyalty and truth,
To God, my King, and his succeeding issue,
Against the Duke of Hereford, that appeales me.

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And by the grace of God and this mine arme,
To proue him (in defending of my ſelfe)
A traytor to my God, my King, and me,
And as I truely fight, defend me heaven.

Tucket. Enter Hereford, and Harold.

Rich. Marſhall: aske yonder Knight in Armes,
Both who he is, and why he commeth hither,
Thus placed in habiliments of warre;
And formally according to our Law
Depoſe him in the iuſtice of his cauſe.
Mar. What is thy name, and wherefore com'ſt thou hi-(ther
Before King *Richard* in his Royall Liſts?
Againſt whom com'ſt thou? and what's thy quarrell?
Speake like a true Knight, ſo defend thee Heaven.
Bul. *Harry* of *Hereford*, *Lancaſter*, and *Derby*,
Am I: who ready here doe ſtand in Armes,
To prove by heavens grace; and my bodies valour,
In Liſts, on *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of Norfolke,
That he's a Traytor foule and dangerous,
To God of heaven, King *Richard*, and to me,
And as I truely fight, defend me heaven.
Mar. On paine of death, no perſon be ſo bold,
Or daring hardy as to touch the Liſts,
Except the Marſhall, and ſuch Officers
Appoynted to direct theſe faire deſignes.
Bul. Lord Marſhall, let me kiſſe my Soueraignes hand,
And bow my knee before his Maieſty:
For *Mowbray* and my ſelfe are like two men,
That vow a long and weary pilgrimage,
Then let vs take a ceremonius leaue
And loving farewell of our ſeverall friends.
Mar. The Appealant in all duty greets your Highnes,
And craves to kiſſe your hand, and take his leaue.
Rich. We will deſcend, and fold him in our armes.
Coſin of *Hereford* as thy cauſe is iuſt,
So be thy fortune in this royall fight:
Farewell, my blood, which if to day thou ſhead,

Lament

Lament we may, but not reuenge thee dead.
Bul. Oh let no Noble eye prophane a teare
For me, if I be goar'd with *Mowbrayes* ſpeare:
As confident, as is the Falcons flight
Againſt a Bird, doe I with *Mowbray* fight.
My loving Lord, I take my leave of you,
Of you (my Noble Coſin) Lord *Aumerle*;
Not ſicke, although I have to doe with death,
But luſty, young, and chearely drawing breath.
Loe, as at Engliſh Feaſts, ſo I regreet
The daintieſt laſt, to make the end moſt ſweet.
Oh thou the earthy author of my blood,
Whoſe youthfull ſpirit in me regenerate,
Doth with a two-fold vigor lift me up
To reach at victory above my head,
Adde proofe unto mine Armour with thy prayers,
And with thy bleſſings ſteele my Lances-poynt,
That it may enter *Mowbrayes* waxen Coate,
And furbiſh new the name of *Iohn a Gaunt*,
Even in the luſty haviour of his ſonne.
Gaunt. Heaven in thy good cauſe make thee proſp'rous,
Be ſwift like lightning in the execution,
And let thy blowes doubly redoubled,
Fall like amazing thunder on the Caske
Of thy amaz'd pernicious enemy.
Rouze up thy youthfull blood, be valiant, and live.
Bul. Mine innocence, and S. *George* to thrive.
Mow. How ever Heaven or fortune caſt my lot,
There lives, or dyes, true to King *Richards* Throne,
A loyall, iuſt, and upright Gentleman:
Never did Captiue with a freer heart,
Caſt off his chaines of bondage, and embrace
His golden uncontroul'd enfranchiſement,
More than my dancing ſoule doth celebrate
This Feaſt of Battle, with mine adverſary.
Moſt mighty Liege, and my companion Peeres,
Take from my mouth, the wiſh of happy yeares,
As gentle, and as jocond, as to jeſt,

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Goe I to fight: Truth, hath a quiet breaſt.

Rich. Farewell, my Lord, ſecurely I eſpie
Vertue with valour, couched in thine eye:
Order the tryall Marſhall, and begin.

Mar. *Harry* of Hereford, Lancaſter, and Derby
Receive thy Lance, and heaven defend thy right.

Bul. Strong as a Towre in hope, I cry, Amen.

Mar. Goe beare this Lance to *Thomas* D. of Norfolke,

1 *Har.* *Harry* of Hereford, Lancaſter, and Derby,
Stands here for God, his Soveraigne, and himſelfe,
On paine to be found falſe and recreant,
To prove the Duke of Norfolke, *Thomas Mowbray*,
A Traytor to his God, his King, and him,
And dares him to ſet forwards to the fight.

2. *Har.* Here ſtandeth *Tho. Mowbray* Duke of Norfolke
On paine to be found falſe and recreant,
Both to defend himſelfe, and to approve
Henry of Hereford, Lancaſter, and Derby,
To God, his Soveraigne, and to him diſloyall:
Couragiouſly, and with a free deſire,
Attending but the ſignall to begin. *A charge ſounded.*

Mar. Sound Trumpets, and ſet forward Combatants:
Stay, the King hath throwne his Warder downe.

Rich. Let them lay by their Helmets and their Speares,
And both returne backe to their Chaires againe:
Withdraw with us, and let the Trumpets ſound,
While we returne theſe Dukes, what we decree.

A long flouriſh.

Draw neere and liſt
What with our councell we have done.
For that our Kingdomes earth ſhould not be foyld
With that deare blood which it hath foſtered,
And for our eyes doe hate the dire aſpect
Of civill wounds plough'd up with neyghbours ſwords,
Which ſo rouz'd up with boyſtrous untun'd drummes,
With harſh reſounding Trumpets dreadfull bray,
And grating ſhocke of wrathfull yron Armes,
Might from our quiet Confines fright faire Peace,

And

And make us wade even in our kindreds blood:
Therefore, we baniſh you our Territories.
You Coſin Hereford, upon paine of death,
Till twice five Summers have enrich'd our fields,
Shall not regreet our faire Dominions,
But tread the ſtranger paths of baniſhment.

Bul. Your will be done: this muſt my comfort be,
That Sunne that warmes you here ſhall ſhine on me:
And thoſe his golden beames to you here lent,
Shall poynt on me, and gilde my baniſhment.

Rich. Norfolke: for thee remaines a heavier doome:
Which I with ſome unwillingneſſe pronounce,
The flye ſlow houres ſhall not determinate
The dateleſſe limit of thy deare exile:
The hopeleſſe word, of never to returne,
Breathe againſt thee, upon paine of life.

Mow. A heavy ſentence my moſt Soveraigne Liege,
And all unlook'd for from your Highneſſe mouth:
A deerer merit, not ſo deepe a maime,
As to be caſt forth in the common ayre
Have I deſerved at your Highneſſe hands.
The Language I have learn'd theſe forty yeares
(My native Engliſh) now I muſt forgoe,
And now my tongues uſe is to me no more,
Then an unſtringed Vyoll, or a Harpe,
Or like a cunning Inſtrument cas'd up,
Or being open, put into his hands
That knowes no touch to tune the harmony.
Within my mouth you have engaol'd my tongue
Doubly purcullist with my teeth and lips,
And dull, unfeeling, barren ignorance,
Is made my gaoler to attend on me:
I am too old to fawne upon a Nurſe,
To farre in yeares to be a pupill now:
What is thy ſentence then, but ſpeechleſſe death,
Which robs my tongue from breatheing native breath?

Rich. It boots thee not to be compaſſionate,
After our ſentence, plaining comes too late.

Mow.

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Mow. Then thus I turne me from my Countries light
To dwell in ſolemne ſhades of endleſſe night.
Rich. Returne againe and take an oath with thee,
Lay on our royall Sword, your baniſht hands,
Sweare by the duty that you owe to heaven
(Our part therein we baniſh with your ſelves)
To kepe the Oath that we adminiſter:
You never ſhall (ſo helpe you Truth and Heaven)
Embrace each others loue in baniſhment,
Nor ever looke upon each others face,
Nor ever writ, regreete, or reconcile
This lowring tempeſt of your home-bred hate,
Nor ever by adviſed purpoſe meet,
To plot, contrive, or complot any ill,
'Gainſt Vs our State, our Subjects, or our Land,
Bul. I ſweare.
Mow. And I to keepe all this.
Bul. Norfolke, ſo farre, as to mine enemy,
By this time (had the King permitted us)
One of our ſoules had wandred in the ayre,
Baniſh'd this frayle ſepulcher of our fleſh,
As now our fleſh is baniſh'd from this Land.
Confeſſe thy Treaſons ere thou flie this Realme,
Since thou haſt farre to goe, beare not along
The clogging burthen of a guilty ſoule.
Mow. No *Bullingbrooke*: If ever I were Traitor,
My name be blotted from the Booke of Life,
And I from heaven baniſh'd, as from hence:
But what thou art, heaven, thou, and I doe know,
And all too ſoone (I feare) the King ſhall rue.
Farewell (my Liege) now no way can I ſtray,
Save backe to England, all the worlds my way.
Rich. Vncle, even in the glaſſes of thine eyes
I ſee thy grieved heart: thy ſad aſpect,
Hath from the number of his baniſh'd yeares
Pluck'd foure away: ſixe frozen Winters ſpent,
Returne with welcome home from baniſhment.
Bul. How long a time lyes in one little word:

Foure

Foure lagging Winters, and foure wanton Springs
End in a word, ſuch is the breath of Kings.
Gaunt. I thanke my Liege, that in regard of me
He ſhortens foure yeares of my ſonnes exile:
But little vantage ſhall I reape thereby.
For ere theſe ſixe yeares that he hath to ſpend
Can change the Moones, and bring their times about,
My oyle-dride Lampe, and time-bewaſted light
Shall be extinct with age, and endleſſe night:
My inch of Taper, will be burnt, and done,
And blindfold death, not let me ſee my ſonne.
Rich. Why Vncle, thou haſt many yeares to live.
Gaunt. But not a minute (King) that thou canſt give;
Shorten my dayes thou canſt with ſudden ſorrow,
And plucke nights from me, but not lend a morrow:
Thou canſt helpe time to furrow me with age,
But ſtop no wrincle in his pilgrimage:
Thy word is currant with him, for my death,
But dead, thy kingdome cannot buy my breath.
Rich. Thy ſonne is baniſh'd upon good aduice
Whereto thy tongue a party-verdict gave,
Why at our Iuſtice ſeem'ſt thou then to lowre?
Gau. Things ſweet to taſt, prove in digeſtion ſowre:
You urg'd me as a Iudge, but I had rather
You would have bid me argue like a Father.
Alas, I look'd when ſome of you ſhould ſay,
I was too ſtrict to make mine owne away:
But you gave leave to my unwilling tongue,
Againſt my will, to do my ſelfe this wrong.
Rich. Coſin farewell: and Vncle bid him ſo:
Six yeares we baniſh him, and he ſhall go. *Exit.*

Flouriſh.

Au. Coſin farewell; what preſence muſt not know
From where you do remaine, let paper ſhow.
Mar. My Lord, no leave take I, for I will ride
As farre as land will let me, by your ſide.
Gaunt. Oh to what purpoſe doſt thou hord thy words,
That thou return'ſt no greeting to thy friends?

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Bul. I haue too few to take my leaue of you,
When the tongues office should be prodigall;
To breath th' abundant dolour of the heart.
Gau. Thy griefe is but thy absence for a time.
Bul. Ioy absent, griefe is present for that time.
Gau. What is sixe Winters, they are quickly gone?
Bul. To men in joy, but griefe makes one houre ten.
Gau. Call it a travell, that thou takest for pleasure.
Bul. My heart will sigh, when I miscall it so,
Which finds it an inforced Pilgrimage.
Gaunt. The sullen passage of thy weary steps
Esteeme a foyle, wherein thou art to set
The precious Iewell of thy home returne.
Bul. Oh who can hold a fire in his hand
By thinking on the frosty *Caucasus*?
Or cloy the hungry edge of appetite,
By bare imagination of a feast?
Or wallow naked in December snow
By thinking on phantasticke Summers heate?
Oh no, the apprehension of the good
Giues but the greater feeling to the worse:
Fell sorrowes tooth, doth ever rankle more
Then when it bites, but lanceth not the sore.
Gau. Come, come (my sonne) Ile bring thee on thy way
Had I thy youth, and cause, I would not stay.
Bul. Then Englands ground farewell; sweet soyle adieu,
My Mother, and my Nurse, which beares me yet:
Where ere I wander, boast of this I can,
Though banish'd, yet a true-borne Englishman.

Scæna Quarta.

Enter King, Aumerle, Greene, and Bagot.

Rich. We did obserue. Cosin *Aumerle*,
How farre brought you high *Hereford* on his way.

Aum. I brought high Hereford (if you call him so)
But to the next high way, and there I left him.
Rich. And say, what store of parting teares were shed?
Aum. Faith none by me: except the Northeast wind
Which then blew bitterly against our face,
Awak'd the sleepy rhewme, and so by chance
Did grace our hollow parting with a teare.
Rich. What said our Cosin when you parted with him?
Au. Farewell: & for my heart disdained that my tongue
Should so prophane the word, that taught me craft
To counterfeit oppression of such griefe,
That word seem'd buried in my sorrowes grave.
Marry, would the word farewell, had lengthen'd houres,
And added yeeres to his short banishment,
He should have had a volume of Farewels,
But since it would not, he had none of me.
Rich. He is our Cosin (Cosin) but 'tis doubt,
When time shall call him home from banishment,
Whether our kinsman come to see his friends,
Our selfe, and *Bushy*, *Bagot* here and *Greene*
Obseru'd his Courtship to the common people:
How he did seeme to dive into their hearts,
With humble, and familiar courtesie,
What reverence he did throw away on slaves;
Wooing poore Craftesmen, with the craft of smiles,
And patient under-bearing of his Fortune,
As 'twere to banish their affects with him.
Off goes his bonnet to an Oyster-wench,
A brace of Dray-men bid God speed him well,
And had the tribute of his supple knee,
With thankes my Countrimen, my Loving friends,
As were our England in reuersion his,
And he our subjects next degree in hope.
Gr. VVell, he is gone, and with him goe these thoughts
Now for the Rebels, which stand out in *Ireland*,
Expedient mannage must be made my Liege
Ere further leysure, yeeld the further meanes
For their aduantage, and your highnesse losse.

Rich.

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Rich. We will our ſelfe in perſon to this warre,
And for our Coffers, with too great a Court,
And liberall Largeſſe, are growne ſomewhat light,
We are enforc'd to farme our royall Realme,
The revenew whereof ſhall furniſh us
For our affaires in hand: if they come ſhort.
Our ſubſtitutes at home ſhall have Blancke-charters:
Whereto, when they ſhall know what men are rich,
They ſhall ſubſcribe them for large ſummes of Gold,
And ſend them after to ſupply our wants:
For we will make for Ireland preſently.

Enter Buſhy.

Buſhy, what newes?

Bu. Old *Iohn a Gaunt* is very ſicke my Lord,
Sodainely taken, and hath ſent poſt haſte
To entreat your Maieſty to viſite him.

Rich. Where lyes he?

Bu. At Ely-houſe.

Rich. Now put it (heaven) in his Phyſitians mind,
To helpe him to his grave immediately:
The lining of his coffers ſhall make Coates
To decke our Souldiers for theſe Iriſh warres.
Come Gentlemen, let's all go viſit him:
Pray heaven we may make haſte, and come too late, *Exit.*

Actus Secundus, Scæna Prima.

Enter Gaunt ſicke, with the Duke of Yorke.

Gau. Will the King come, that I may breath my laſt
In wholſome counſell to his unſtayd youth?

Yor. Vex not your ſelfe, nor ſtrive not with your breath
For all in vaine comes counſell to his eare.

Gau. Oh but (they ſay) the tongues of dying men
Inforce attention, like deepe harmony;

Where

Where words are ſcarſe, they are ſeldome ſpent in vaine;
For they breath truth, that breath their words in paine.
He that no more muſt ſay, is liſten'd more
Then they whom youth and eaſe have taught to gloſe,
More are mens ends mark'd, then their lives before,
The ſetting Sunne, and muſicke is the cloſe.
As the laſt taſte of ſweetes, is ſweeteſt laſt,
Writ in remembrance, more then things long paſt:
Though *Richard* my lives counſell would not heare,
My deaths ſad tale, may yet un-deafe his eare.

Yor. No, it is ſtopt with other flatt'ring ſounds
As prayſes of his ſtate: then there are found
Lacivious Meeters, to whoſe venome ſound
The open eares of youth doth alwaies liſten.
Report of faſhions in proud Italy,
Whoſe manners ſtill our tardy apiſh Nation
Limpes after in baſe imitation.
Where doth the world thruſt forth a vanity,
So it be new, there's no reſpect how vile,
That is not quickly buzz'd into their eares?
That all too late comes counſell to be heard,
Where will doth mutiny with wits regard:
Direct not him, whoſe way himſelfe will choſe,
Tis breath thou lackſt, and that breath wilt thou looſe.

Gaunt. Me thinkes I am a Prophet new inſpir'd,
And thus expiring doe foretell of him,
His raſh fierce blaze of Ryot cannot laſt,
For violent fires ſoone burne out themſelues;
Small ſhoures laſt long, but ſodaine ſtormes are ſhort,
He tyres betimes, that ſpurs too faſt betimes;
With eager feeding food doth choake the feeder;
Light vanity, inſaitat cormorant,
Conſuming meanes ſoone preyes upon it ſelfe.
This royall Throne of Kings, this Sceptred Iſle,
This earth of Majeſty, this ſeate of Mars,
This other Eden, demy Paradiſe,
This Fortres built by nature for her ſelfe,
Againſt infection, and the hand of warre:

This

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This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious ſtone ſet in the ſilver Sea,
VVhich ſerves it in the office of a wall,
Or as a Moate defenſiue to a houſe,
Againſt the enuy of leſſe happier Lands,
This bleſſed plot, this Earth this Realme, this England,
This Nurſe, this teeming wombe of Royall Kings,
Fear'd by their breed, and famous for their birth,
Renowned for their deeds, as farre from home,
For Chriſtian ſervice and true Chivalry,
As is the ſepulcher in ſtubborne *Iury*
Of the worlds ranſome, bleſſed *Maries* ſonne.
This Land of ſuch deare ſoules, this deare deare Land,
Deare for her reputation through the world,
Is now Leas'd out (I dye pronouncing it)
Like to a Tenement, or pelting Farme.
England bound in with the triumphant Sea,
VVhoſe rocky ſhore beates backe the envious ſiedge
Of watry Neptune, is now bound in with ſhame,
VVith Inky blottes, and rotten Parchment bonds.
That England that was wont to conque[r] others,
Hath made a ſhamefull conqueſt of it ſe[lfe].
Ah, would the ſcandall vaniſh with my life,
How happy then were my enſuing death?

Enter King, Queene, Aumerle, Buſhy, Greene, Bagot, Ros, and Willoughby.

Yor. The King is come, deale mildly with his youth,
For young hot Coalts, being rag'd, doe rage the more.
Qu. How fares our noble Vncle, *Lancaſter*?
Ri. VVhat comfort man? How iſt with aged *Gaunt*?
Ga. Oh how that name befits my compoſition:
Old *Gaunt* indeed, and gaunt in being old:
VVithin me grieſe hath kept a teadious faſt,
And who abſtaines from meate, that is not gaunt:
For ſleeping England long time have I watcht
VVatching breeds leanneſſe, leanneſſe is all gaunt:
The pleaſure that ſome Fathers feed upon,

Is my ſtrict faſt, I meane my Childrens lookes,
And therein faſting, haſt thou made me gaunt:
Gaunt am I for the grave, gaunt as a grave,
VVhoſe hollow wombe inherits nought but bones.
Rich. Can ſicke men play ſo nicely with their names?
Gau. No, miſery makes ſport to mocke it ſelfe:
Since thou doſt ſeeke to kill my name in me,
I mocke my name (great King) to flatter thee.
Ric. Should dying men flatter thoſe that live?
Gau. No, no, man living flatter thoſe that dye.
Ric. Thou now a dying, ſayſt thou flatter'ſt me.
Gau. O no, thou dyeſt, though I the ſicker be.
Rich. I am in health I breathe, I ſee thee ill.
Gau. Now he that made me, knowes I ſee thee ill:
Ill in my ſelfe to ſee, and in thee, ſeeing ill,
Thy death-bed is no leſſer then the Land,
VVherein thou lyeſt in reputation ſicke,
And thou too careleſſe patient as thou art.
Commit'ſt thy annoynted body to the cure
Of thoſe Phyſitions, that firſt wounded thee:
A thouſand flatterers ſit within thy Crowne,
VVhoſe compaſſe is no bigger then thy hand,
And yet encaged in ſo ſmall a Verge,
The waſte is no whit leſſer then thy Land,
Oh had thy Grandſir with a Prophets eye,
Seene how his ſonnes ſonne, ſhould deſtroy his ſonnes,
From forth thy reach he would have layd thy ſhame,
Depoſing thee before thou wert poſſeſt,
VVhich art poſſeſt now to depoſe thy ſelfe,
Why (Coſin) were thou Regent of the world,
It were a ſhame to let this Land by leaſe:
But for thy world enioying but this Land,
Is it not more then ſhame, to ſhame it ſo?
Landlord of England art thou, and not King:
Thy ſtate of Law, is bondſlave to the Law,
And ——

Rich. And thou, a lunaticke leane-witted foole,
Preſuming on an Agues priveledge,

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Dar'ſt with thy frozen admonition
Make pale our cheeke, chaſing the Royall blood
With fury, from his native reſidence?
Now by my Seates right Royall Maieſty,
Wert thou not brother to great *Edwards* ſonne,
This tongue that runnes ſo roundly in thy head,
Should runne thy head from thy unreverent ſhoulders.
Gau. Oh ſpare me not, my brother *Edwards* ſonne,
For that I was his father *Edwards* ſonne:
That blood already (like the Pellican)
Thou haſt tapt out, and drunkenly carows'd.
My brother *Glocester*, plaine well meaning ſoule,
(Whom faire befall in heaven 'mongſt happy ſoules)
May be a preſident, and witneſſe good,
That thou reſpect'ſt not ſpilling *Edwards* blood:
Ioyne with the preſent ſickeneſſe that I haue,
And thy unkindneſſe be like crooked age,
To crop at once a too-long wither'd flowre.
Live in thy ſhame, but dye not ſhame with thee,
Theſe words hereafter, thy tormentors be.
Convey me to my bed, then to my grave.
Love they to live, that love and honour have. *Exit.*
Rich. And let them dye, that age and ſullens have,
For both haſt thou, and both become the grave.
Yor. I doe beſeech your Maieſty impute his words
To wayward ſicklineſſe, and age in him:
He loues you on my life, and holds you deare
As *Harry* Duke of *Hereford*, were he here.
Rich. Right, you ſay true: as *Herefords* love, ſo his;
As theirs, ſo mine: and all be as it is.

Enter Northumberland.

Nor. My Liege, old *Gaunt* commends him to your Maieſty.
Rich. What ſayes he?
Nor. Nay nothing, all is ſayd:
His tongue is now a ſtringleſſe inſtrument.
Words, life, and all, old *Lancaſter* hath ſpent.

Yor.

Yor. Be Yorke the next, that muſt be bankrupt ſo,
Though death be poore, it ends a mortall wo.
Rich. The ripeſt fruit firſt fals, and ſo doth he,
His time is ſpent, our pilgrimage muſt be:
So much for that. Now for our Iriſh warres,
We muſt ſupplant thoſe rough rug-headed Kernes,
Which live like venom, where no venom elſe
But onely they have privelledge to live.
And for theſe great affaires do aske ſome charge
Towards our aſſiſtance, we doe ſeize to us
The plate, coyne, and revennews, and moveables,
Whereof our Vncle *Gaunt* did ſtand poſſeſt.
Yor. How long ſhall I be patient? Oh how long
Shall tender duty make me ſuffer wrong?
Not *Gloſters* death, nor *Herefords* baniſhment,
Nor *Gaunts* rebukes, nor Englands private wrongs,
Nor the prevention of poore *Bullingbrooke*,
About his marriage, nor my owne diſgrace
Have ever made me ſowre my patient cheeke,
Or bend one wrinkle on my ſoveraignes face:
I am the laſt of noble *Edwards* ſonnes,
Of whom thy father Prince of Wales was firſt:
In warres was never Lyon rag'd more fierce:
In peace, was never gentle Lambe more mild,
Then was that young and Princely Gentleman:
His face thou haſt, for even ſo look'd he
Accompliſh'd with the number of thy howers:
But when he frown'd, it was againſt the French,
And not againſt his friends: his noble hand
Did win what he did ſpend: and ſpent not that
Which his triumphant fathers hand had won:
His hands were guilty of no kindreds blood,
But bloody with the enemies of his kinne:
Oh *Richard*, *Yorke* is too farre gone with griefe,
Or elſe he never would compare betweene.
Rich. Why Vncle,
What's the matter?
Yor. Oh my Liege, pardon me if you pleaſe, if not

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I pleas'd not to be pardon'd, am content with all:
Seeke you to seize, and gripe into your hands
The Royalties and Rightes of banish'd *Hereford*?
Is not *Gaunt* dead? and doth not *Hereford* live?
Was not *Gaunt* just? and is not *Harry* true?
Did not the one deserve to have an heyre?
Is not his heyre a well-deserving sonne?
Take *Herefords* rights away, and take from time
His Charters, and his customarie rights:
Let not to morrow then insue to day,
Be not thy selfe. For how art thou a King
But by faire sequence and succession?
Now afore God, God forbid I say true,
If you doe wrongfully seize *Herefords* right,
Call in his Letters Patents that he hath
By his Atturneyes generall, to sue
His Livery, and deny his offer'd homage,
You plucke a thousand dangers on your head,
You loose a thousand well-disposed hearts,
And pricke my tender patience to those thoughts
Which honor and allegeance cannot thinke.

Ric. Thinke what you will: we seise into our hands,
His plate, his goods, his money, and his lands.

Yor. Ile not be by the while: My Leige farewell,
What will ensue hereof, there's none can tell,
But by bad courses may be understood.
That their events can never fall out good. *Exit.*

Rich. Goe *Bushie* to the Earle of *Wiltshire* streight,
Bid him repaire to us to *Ely* House,
To see this businesse: to morrow next
We will for *Ireland*, and 'tis time, I trow:
And we create in absence of our selfe
Our Vnckle *Yorke*, Lord Governer of England:
For he is just, and alwayes lov'd us well.
Come on our Queene, to morrow must we part,
Be merry, for our time of stay is short. *Flourish.*

Manet North. Willoughby, and Ross.

Nor. Well Lords, the Duke of Lancaster is dead. *Ross.*

Ross. And living too, for now his sonne is Duke.

Will. Barely in title, not in revennew.

Nor. Richly in both, if justice had her right.

Ross. My heart is great: but it must breake with silence
Eer't be disburthen'd with a liberall tongue.

Nor. Nay speake thy mind & let him ne'r speake more
That speakes thy words againe to doe thee harme.

Wil. Tends that thou'dst speake to th' D. of Hereford?
If it be so, out with it boldly man:
Quicke is mine eare to heare of good towards him.

Ross. No good at all that I can doe for him,
Vnlesse you call it good to pity him,
Bereft and gelded of his patrimony.

Nor. Now afore heaven, 'ts shame such wrongs are borne,
In him a royall Prince, and many moe
Of noble blood in this declinting Land;
The King is not himselfe, but basely led
By flatterers, and what they will informe
Meerely in hate 'gainst any of us all:
That will the King severely prosecute
'Gainst us, our lives, our children, and our heires.

Ross. The Commons hath he pill'd with grievous taxes
And quite lost their hearts: the Nobles hath he fin'd
For ancient quarrels, and quite lost their hearts.

Wil. And daily new exactions are devis'd,
As blankes, benevolences, and I wot not what:
But what o' Gods name doth become of this?

Nor. Warres hath not wasted it, for warr'd he hath not,
But basely yeelded upon comprimize,
That which his Ancestors atchieu'd with blowes:
More hath he spent in peace, then they in warres.

Ross. The Earle of Wiltshire hath the Realme in farme.

Wil. The King's growne bankrupt like a broken man.

Nor. Reproach, and dissolution hangeth over him.

Ross. He hath not money for these Irish warres:
(His burthenous taxations notwithstanding)
But by the robbing of the banish'd Duke.

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Nor. His noble Kinſman, moſt degenerate King:
But Lords, we heare this fearefull tempeſt ſing
Yet ſeeke no ſhelter to avoyd the ſtorme:
We ſee the winde ſit ſore upon our ſailes,
And yet we ſtrike not, but ſecurely periſh.
Roſ. We ſee the very wracke that we muſt ſuffer,
And unavoyded is the danger now
For ſuffering ſo the cauſes of our wracke.
Nor. Not ſo; even through the hollow eyes of death,
I ſpie life peering: but I dare not ſay,
How neere the tidings of our comfort is.
Wil. Nay, let us ſhare thy thoughts, as thou doſt ours.
Roſ. Be confident, to ſpeake Northumberland,
We three, are but thy ſelfe, and ſpeaking ſo,
Thy words are but as thoughts, therefore be bold.
Nor. Then thus: I have from Port *le Blan*
A Bay in *Britaine*, receiv'd intelligence,
That *Harry* Duke of *Hereford*, *Raynald* Lord *Cobham*,
That late broke from the Duke of *Exeter*,
His brother Archbiſhop, late of *Canterbury*,
Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, Sir *John Rainſton*,
Sir *John Norbery*, Sir *Robert Waterton*, and *Francis Quoint*,
All theſe well furniſh'd by the Duke of *Britaine*,
With eight tall ſhips, three thouſand men of warre,
Are making hither with all due expedience,
And ſhortly meane to touch our Northerne ſhore:
Perhaps they had ere this, but that they ſtay
The firſt departing of the King for Ireland.
If then we ſhall ſhake off our ſlaviſh yoake,
Impe out our drooping Countries broken wing,
Redeeme from broken pawne the blemiſh'd Crowne,
Wipe off the duſt that hides the Scepters gilt,
And make high Majeſty looke like it ſelfe,
Away with me in poſte to *Ravenſpurgh*,
But if you faint, as fearing to doe ſo,
Stay and be ſecret, and my ſelfe will goe.
Roſ. To horſe, to horſe, urge doubts to them that feare.
Wil. Hold out my horſe, and I will firſt be there. *Exeu.*

Scena

Scena Sæcunda.

Enter Queene, Buſhy, and Bagot.

Buſh. Madam, your Majeſty is too much ſad,
You promis'd when you parted with the King,
To lay aſide ſelfe-harming heavineſſe,
And entertaine a cheerefull diſpoſition.
Qu. To pleaſe the King, I did: to pleaſe my ſelfe
I cannot doe it: yet I know no cauſe
Why I ſhould welcome ſuch a gueſt as griefe,
Save bidding farewell to ſo ſweet a gueſt
As my ſweet *Richard*, yet againe me thinkes
Some unborne ſorrow ripe in fortunes wombe
Is comming towards me, and my inward ſoule
With nothing trembles, at ſomething it grieves,
More than with parting from my Lord the King.
Buſh. Each ſubſtance of a griefe hath twenty ſhadows
Which ſhewes like griefe it ſelfe, but is not ſo:
For ſorrowes eye glazed with blinding teares,
Divides one thing intire, to many objects
Like perſpectives, which rightly gaz'd upon
Shew nothing but confuſion, ey'd awry,
Diſtinguiſht forme: ſo your ſweet Maieſty
Looking awry upon your Lords departure,
Find ſhapes of griefe, more then himſelfe to waile,
Which look'd on as it is, is nought but ſhadowes
Of what it is not, then thrice-gracious Queene,
More then your Lords departure weepe not, more's not ſeene;
Or if it be, tis with falſe ſorrows eye,
Which for things true, weepe things imaginary.
Qu. It may be ſo, but yet my inward ſoule
Perſwades me it is otherwiſe how ere it be,
I cannot but be ſad: ſo heavy ſad.

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As though on thinking on no thought I thinke,
Makes me with heavy nothing faint and shrinke.
Bush. 'Tis nothing but conceit (my gracious Lady.)
Qu. 'Tis nothing lesse: conceit is still deriu'd
From some fore father greefe, mine is not so,
For nothing hath begot my something griefe,
Or something, hath the nothing that I grieve,
'Tis in reversion that I doe possesse,
But what it is, that is not yet knowne, what
I cannot name, 'tis nameless woe I wot. *Enter Green.*
Gree. Heaven save your Majesty, and well met Gentlemen;
I hope the King is not yet shipt for Ireland.
Qu. Why hop'st thou so? 'Tis better hope he is:
For his designes crave haste, good hope,
Then wherefore dost thou hope he is not shipt?
Gree. That he our hope, might have retyr'd his power,
And driven into despaire an enemies hope,
Who strongly hath set footing in this Land,
The banish'd *Bullingbrooke* repeales himselfe,
And with up-lifted Armes is safe arriu'd
At *Rauenspurg*.
Qu. Now God in heaven forbid.
Gree. O Maddam 'tis too true: and that is worse,
The L. Northumberland, his young sonne, *Henry Percy*,
The Lords of Rosse, *Beaumond*, and *Willoughby*.
With all their powerfull friends are fled to him.
Bush. Why have you not proclaim'd Northumberland
And the rest of the revolted faction, Traytors?
Gree. We have: whereupon the Earle of Worcester
Hath broke his staffe, resign'd his Stewardship, (*brook*
And all the household seruants fled with him to *Bullen*.
Qu. So *Greene*, thou art the Midwife of my woe,
And *Bullingbrooke* my sorrowes dismall heyre:
Now hath my soule brought forth her prodigy,
And I a gasping new delivered mother,
Haue woe to woe, sorrow to sorrow ioyn'd.
Bush. Despaire not Madam.
Qu. Who shall hinder me?

I will

I will despaire, and be at emnity
With couzening hope; he is a flatterer,
A Parasite, a keeper backe of death,
Who gently would dissolve the bands of life,
Which false hopes linger in extremity.
Enter Yorke.
Gree. Here comes the Duke of Yorke.
Qu. With signes of warre about his aged necke,
Oh full of carefull businesse are his lookes:
Vncle, for heavens sake speake comfortable words.
Yor. Comfort's in Heaven, and we are on the earth,
Where nothing lives but crosses, care, and griefe:
Your husband he is gone to save farre off,
Whilst others come to make his losse at home:
Here am I left to underprop his Land,
Who weake with age, cannot support my selfe:
Now comes his sicke houre that his surfeit made,
Now shall he try his friends that flattered him.
Enter a Servant.
Ser. My Lord, your sonne was gone before I came.
Yor. He was: why so, goe all which way it will:
The Nobles they are fled, the Commons they are cold,
And will I feare revolt on *Herefords* side.
Sirra, get thee to Plashy to my sister *Gloster*,
Bid her send me presently a thousand pound,
Hold, take my Ring.
Ser. My Lord, I had forgot
To tell your Lordship, to day I came by, and call'd there,
But I shall grieve you to report the rest.
Yor. What is't knave?
Ser. An houre before I came, the Dutchesse di'de.
Yo. Heaven for his mercy, what a tide of woes
Come rushing on this wofull Land at once?
I know not what to doe: I would to heaven
(So my vntruth hath not provok'd him to it)
The King had cut off my head with my brothers.
What, are there postes dispatcht for Ireland?
How shall we doe for money for these warres?

Come

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Come ſiſter (Coſin I would ſay) pray pardon me
Goe fellow, get thee home, provide ſome Carts,
And bring away the Armour that is there.
Gentlemen, will you muſter men?
If I know how, or which way to order theſe affaires
Thus diſorderly thruſt into my hands.
Never beleeve me. Both are my kinſmen,
Th'one is my Soveraigne, whom both my oath
And duty bids defend: the other againe
Is my kinſman, whom the King hath wrong'd,
Whom conſcience, and my kindred bids to right,
Well, ſomewhat we muſt doe: Come Coſin,
Ile diſpoſe of you. Gentlemen goe muſter up your men,
And meet me preſently at Barkley Caſtle:
I ſhould to Plaſhy too, but time will not permit,
All is uneven, and every thing is left at ſix and ſeven. *Ex.*
Buſh. The wind ſits faire for newes to goe to Ireland,
But none returnes: for us to levy power
Proportionable to th'enemy, is all impoſſible.
Gree. Beſides our neereneſſe to the King in love,
Is neere the hate of thoſe love not the King.
Bag. And that's the wavering Commons, for their love
Lies in their purſes, and whoſo empties them,
By ſo much fils their hearts with deadly hate.
Buſh. Therein the King ſtands generally condemn'd.
Bag. If judgement lye in them, then ſo doe we,
Becauſe we have beene ever neere the King.
Gree. Well: I will for refuge ſtreight to Briſtoll Caſtle,
The Earle of Wiltſhire is already there.
Buſh. Thither will I with you, for little office
Will the hatefull Commons performe for us,
Except like Curres, to teare us all in pieces:
Will you goe along with us?
Bag. No, I will to Ireland to his Maieſty:
Farewell, if hearts preſages be not vaine,
We three here part, that nev'r ſhall meete againe.
Bu. That's as *Yorke* thrives to beate backe *Bullinbrooke*.
Gr. Alas poore Duke, the taske he undertakes

Is numbring ſands, and drinking Oceans dry,
Where one on his ſide fights, thouſands will flye.
Buſh. Farewell at once, for once, for all, and ever.
Well, we may meet againe.
Bag. I feare me never. *Exit.*

Scæna Tertia.

Enter the Duke of Hereford, and Northumberland.

Bul. How farre is it my Lord to Barkley now?
Nor. Beleeve me noble Lord,
I am a ſtranger here in *Gloſterſhire*.
Theſe high wide hils, and rough uneven wayes;
Drawes out our miles, and makes them wearyſome:
And yet our faire diſcourſe hath beene as Sugar,
Making the hard way ſweet and delectable:
But I bethinke me, what a weary way
From Ravenſpurgh to Cottſhold will be found,
In *Roſſe* and *Willoughby*, wanting your company
Which I proteſt hath very much beguild
The teadiouſneſſe, and proceſſe of my travell:
But theirs is ſweetned with the hope to have
The preſent benefit that I poſſeſſe:
And hope to joy, is little leſſe in joy,
Then hope enjoy'd: By this, the weary Lords
Shall make their way ſeeme ſhort, as mine hath done,
By ſight of what I have, your Noble company.
Bul. Of much leſſe valew is my company
Then your good words: but who comes here?

Enter H. Percy.

Nor. It is my ſonne, young *Harry Percy*,
Sent from my brother *Worceſter*: whenceſoever,
Harry how fares your Vncle?

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Percy. I had thought, my Lord, to have learn'd his
health of you.

Nor. Why is he not with the Queene?

Percy. No, my good Lord, he hath forsooke the Court,
Broken his Staffe of Office, and dispersst
The Housholde of the King.

Nor. What was his reason?
He was not so resolv'd, when we last spake together.

Percy. Because your Lordship was proclaimed Traytor.
But he, my Lord, is gone to Ravenspurgh,
To offer service to the Duke of Hereford,
And sent me over by Barkely, to discover
What power the Duke of Yorke had levied there,
Then with direction to repaire to Ravenspurgh.

Nor. Have you forgot the Duke of Hereford (Boy?)

Percy. No, my good Lord; for that is not forgot
Which ne're I did remember: to my knowledge,
I never in my life did looke on him.

Nor. Then learne to know him now: this is the Duke.

Percy. My gracious Lord, I tender you my service,
Such as it is, being tender, raw, and young,
Which elder dayes shall ripen, and confirme
To more approved service and desert.

Bul. I thanke thee gentle *Percy*, and be sure
I count my selfe in nothing else so happy,
As in a soule remembring my good friends:
And as my fortune ripens with my love,
It shall be still thy true loves recompence,
My heart this covenant makes, my hand thus seales it.

Nor. How farre is it to Barkley? and what stirre
Keepes good old *Yorke* there, with his men of warre?

Percy. There stands the Castle, by yond tuft of Trees,
Mann'd with three hundred men, as I have heard,
And in it are the Lords of *Yorke*, *Barkely*, and *Seymor*,
None else of Name, and noble estimate.

Enter Rosse, and Willoughby.

Nor. Here comes the Lords of *Rosse*, and *Willoughby*,
Bloody

Bloody with spurring, fiery red with hast.

Bul. Welcome my Lords, I wot your love pursues
A banisht Traytor; all my Treasury
Is yet but unfelt thankes, which more enrich'd,
Shall be your love, and labours recompence.

Ros. Your presence makes vs rich, most Noble Lord.

Wil. And farre surmounts our labour to attaine it,

Bul. Evermore thankes, th'Exchequer of the poore,
Which till my infant-fortune comes to yeares,
Stands for my bounty: but who comes here?

Enter Barkely.

Nor. It is my Lord of *Barkely* as I guesse.

Bark. My Lord of Hereford, my message is to you.

Bul. My Lord, my answer is to *Lancaster*,
And I am come to seeke that name in England,
And I must find that Title in your Towne,
Before I make reply to ought you say.

Bark. Mistake me not, my Lord, 'tis not my meaning
To raze one title of your honour out.
To you, my Lord, I come (what Lord you will)
From the most glorious of this Land,
The Duke of *Yorke*, to know what pricks you on
To take advantage of the absent time,
And fright our native peace with selfe-borne Armes.

Enter Yorke.

Bul. I shall not need transport my words by you,
Here comes his Grace in person. My Noble Vncle.

Yor. Shew me thy humble Heart, and not thy Knee,
Whose duty is deceivable and false,

Bul. My gracious Vncle.

Yor. Tut, tut, Grace me no Grace, nor Vncle me,
I am no Traytors Vncle; and that word Grace,
In an ungracious mouth, is but prophane.
Why have these banish'd, and forbidden Legges,
Dar'd once to touch the dust of Englands Ground?
But more then why, why have they dar'd to march
So many miles upon her peacefull Bosome,
Frighting her pale fac'd Villages with Warre,

And

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And oftentation of deſpiſed Armes?
Com'ſt thou becauſe th'anoynted King is hence?
Why fooliſh Boy, the King is left behind,
And in my loyall Boſome lyes his power.
Were I but now the Lord of ſuch hot youth,
As when braue *Gaunt* thy Father, and thy ſelfe,
Reſcued the *blacke Prince*, that young *Mars* of men,
From forth the Rankes of many thouſand French:
Oh then, how quickly ſhould this Arme of mine,
Now priſoner to the Plaſhy, chaſtiſe thee,
And miniſter correction to thy fault.

Bul. My gracious Vncle, let me know my fault,
On what condition ſtands it, and wherein?

Yor. Even in condition of the worſt degree,
In groſſe Rebellion, and deteſted Treaſon:
Thou art a baniſh'd man, and here art come
Before th' expiration of thy time,
In braving Armes againſt thy Soveraigne.

Bul. As I was baniſh'd, I was baniſh'd *Hereford*,
But as a I come, I come for *Lancaſter*.
And noble Vncle, I beſeech your Grace
Looke on my wrongs with an indifferent eye:
You are my Father, for me thinkes in you
I ſee old *Gaunt* alive. Oh then my Father,
Will you permit, that I ſhall ſtand condemn'd
A wandring Vagabond, my Rights and Royalties
Pluckt from my armes perforce, and given away
To upſtart unthrifts? Wherefore was I borne?
If that my Couſin King, be King of England,
It muſt be granted, I am Duke of Lancaſter.
You have a ſonne, *Aumerle*, my Noble Kinſman,
Had you firſt died and he bin thus trod downe,
He ſhould have found his Vncle *Gaunt* a father,
To rowze his wrongs, and chaſe them to the bay.
I am denyde to ſue my Liverie here;
And yet my Letters Pattens give me leave:
My fathers goods are all diſtraynd, and ſold,
And theſe, and all amiſſe imployd,

What would you have me doe? I am a ſubiect,
And challenge Law, Attorneyes are denyd me,
And therefore perſonally I lay my claime
To mine inheritance of free Deſcent.

Nor. The Noble Duke hath beene too much abus'd.

Roſ. It ſtands your Grace upon to doe him right,

Wil. Baſe men by his endowments are made great.

Yor. My Lords of England, let me tell you this,
I have had feeling of my Coſins wrongs,
And labour'd all I could to doe him right:
But in this kind, to come in braving Armes,
Be his owne Carver, and cut out his way,
To find out Right with wrongs, it may not be;
And you that doe abeit him in this kind,
Cheriſh Rebellion, and are Rebels all.

Yor. The Noble Duke hath ſworne his comming is
But for his owne, and for the right of that,
We all have ſtrongly ſworne to give him ayd,
And let him nev'r ſee joy, that breaks that oath.

Yor. Well, well, I ſee the iſſue of theſe Armes,
I cannot mend it, I muſt needs confeſſe,
Becauſe my power is weake, and all ill left:
But if I could, by him that gave me life,
I would attach you all, and make you ſtoope
Vnto the Soveraigne mercy of the King.
But ſince I cannot, be it knowne to you,
I doe remaine as Neuter. So fare you well,
Vnleſſe you pleaſe to enter in the Caſtle,
And there repoſe you for this Night.

Bul. An offer Vncle, that we will accept:
But we muſt winne your Grace to goe with us
To Briſtoll Caſtle, which they ſay is held
By *Buſhie*, *Bagot*, and their Complices,
The Caterpillers of the Commonwealth,
Which I have ſworne to weede, and pluke away.

Yor. It may be I will goe with you, but yet ile pawſe,
For I am loth to breake our Countries Lawes:
Nor Friends, nor Foes, to me welcome you are,

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Things past redreſſe, are now with me paſt care. *Exeunt.*

Scæna Quarta.

Enter Salisbury and a Captaine.

Capt. My Lord of Salisbury, we have ſtayd ten dayes,
And hardly kept our Countrymen together,
And yet we heare no tidings from the King:
Therefore we will diſperſe our ſelves: farewell.
Sal. Stay yet another day, thou truſty Welchman,
The King repoſeth all his confidence in thee.
Capt. Tis thought the King is dead, we will not ſtay;
The Bay-trees in our Country all are wither'd,
The Meteors fright the fixed Starres of Heaven;
The pale-fac'd Moone lookes bloody on the Earth,
And leane-lookt Prophets whiſper fearefull change;
Rich men looke ſad, and Ruffians dance and leape,
The one in feare, to loſe what they enioy,
The other to enjoy by Rage, and Warre:
Theſe ſignes fore-run the death of Kings.
Farewell, our Countrymen are gone and fled,
As well aſſur'd *Richard* their King is dead. *Exit.*
Sal. Ah, *Richard*, with eyes of heauy mind,
I ſee thy Glory, like a ſhooting Starre,
Fall to the baſe Earth, from the Firmament:
Thy Sunne ſets weeping in the lowly Weſt.
Witneſſing ſtormes to come, woe, and unreſt:
Thy friends are fled, to waite upon thy foes,
And croſſely to thy good, all fortune goes. *Exit.*

Actus

Actus Tertius, Scæna Prima.

Enter Bullingbrooke, Yorke, Northumberland, Roſſe, Percy, Willoughby; with Buſhy and Greene, priſoners.

Bul. Bring forth theſe men:
Buſhy and *Greene*, I will not vex your ſoules,
(Since preſently your ſoules muſt part your bodies)
With too much urging your pernitious liues,
For 'twere no Charity: yet to waſh your blood
From off my hands, here in the view of men,
I will unfold ſome cauſes of your deaths,
You have miſ-led a Prince, a royall King,
A happy Gentleman in Blood, and Lineaments,
By you unhappied, and diſfigur'd cleane:
You have in manner with your ſinfull houres
Made a Diuorce betwixt his Queene and him,
Broke the Poſſeſſion of a Royall Bed,
And ſtayn'd the beauty of a faire Queenes Cheekes,
With teares drawne from her eyes, with your foule wrongs.
My ſelfe a Prince, by fortune of my birth,
Neere to the King in Blood, and neere in love,
Till you did make him miſ-interpret me,
Have ſtoopt my necke under your iniuries,
And ſigh'd my Engliſh breath in forraigne Clouds,
Eating the bitter bread of baniſhment;
While you have fed upon my Seigniories,
Diſ-park'd my Parkes, and fell'd my Forreſt woods;
From mine owne windowes torne my Houſhold Coat,
Raz'd out my Impreſe, leaving me no ſigne,
Save mens opinions, and my living blood,
To ſhew the world I am a Gentleman.
This, and much more, much more then twice all this,

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Condemnes you to the death: see them delivered over
To execution, and the hand of death.
Bush. More welcome is the stroke of death to me,
Then *Bullingbrooke* to England.
Gree. My comfort is, that Heaven will take our soules,
And plague iniustice with the paines of hell.
Bul. My Lord *Northumberland*, see them dispatch'd:
Vncle, you say the Queene is at your House,
For Heavens sake, fairely let her be intreated,
Tell her, I send to her my kind commends;
Take speciall care my greetings be deliver'd,
Yor. A Gentleman of mine, I have dispatch'd
VVith Letters of your loue to her at large.
Bul. Thankes gentle Vncle: come Lords away,
To fight with *Gendoure*, and his Complices;
A while to worke, and after holliday. *Exeunt.*

Scæna Secunda.

Drums, Flourish, and Colours.

Enter Richard, Aumerle, Carlile, and Souldiers.
Rich. Barkloughly Castle call you this at hand?
Au. Yea, my Lord: how brooks your Grace the ayre,
After your late tossing on the breaking Seas?
Rich. Needs must I like it well, I weepe for ioy
To stand upon my Kingdome once againe.
Deare Earth, I doe salute thee with my hand,
Though Rebels wound thee with their Horses hoofes:
As a long parted Mother with her Child,
Playes fondly with her teares, and smiles in meeting,
So weeping, smiling, greet I thee the Earth,
And doe thee favour with my Royall hands,
Feed not thy Soveraignes Foe, my gentle Earth,
Nor with thy sweetes comfort his ravenous sence:
But

But let thy Spiders that sucke up thy venome,
And heavy-gated Toade lye in their way;
Doing annoyance to the treacherous feete,
Which with usurping steps doe trample thee.
Yeild stinging Nettles to mine Enemies;
And when they from thy bosome plucke a Flower,
Guard it I prethee with a lurking adder,
Whose double tongue may with a mortall touch
Throw death upon thy Soveraignes Enemies.
Mocke not my senceless Conjuration: Lords;
This earth shall have a feeling, and these Stones
Prove armed Souldiers, ere her native King
Shall falter under fowle Rebellious Armes.
Car. Feare not my Lord, that power that made you King
Hath power to keepe you King, in spight of all.
Aum. He meanes, my Lord, that we are too remisse,
Whilest *Bullingbrooke* through their security,
Growes strong and great, in substance and in friends.
Rich. Discomfortable Cosin, knowest thou not,
That when the searching Eye of Heaven is hid
Behinde the Globe, that lights the lower world,
Then theeves and Robbers raunge abroad unseene,
In Murders and in out-rage bloody here:
But when from under this Terrestriall Ball
He fires the proud tops of the Easterne Pines,
And darts his Lightning through ev'ry guilty hole,
Then Murders, Treasons, and detested sinnes
(The Cloake of Night being pluckt from off their backes)
Stand bare and naked, trembling at themselves.
So when this Thiefe, this Traytor *Bullingbrooke*,
Who all this whiles hath reuell'd in the Night,
Shall see us rising in our Throne, the East,
His Treasons will sit blushing in his face,
Not able to endure the sight of day;
But selfe-affrighted, tremble at his sinne.
Not all the water in the rough rude Sea
Can wash the Balme from an anoynted King;
The breath of worldly men cannot depose

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The Deputy elected by the Lord:
For every man that *Bullingbrooke* hath preſt,
To lift ſhrewd Steele againſt our Golden Crowne,
Heaven for his *Richard* hath in heavenly pay
A glorious Angell: then if Angels fight,
Weake men muſt fall, for Heaven ſtill guards the right.

Enter Salisbury.

Welcome my Lord, how farre off lyes your power?

Salisb. Nor neere, nor farther off, my gracious Lord,
Then this weake arme; diſcomfort guides my tongue,
And bids me ſpeake of nothing but deſpaire:
One day too late, I feare (my Noble Lord)
Hath clouded all my happy dayes on Earth:
Oh call backe Yeſter-day, bid time returne,
And thou ſhalt have twelve thouſand fighting men:
To day, to day, unhappie day too late
Orethrowes thy Ioyes, Friends, Fortune, and thy State.
For all the VVelch-men hearing thou wert dead,
Are gone to *Bullingbrooke*, diſperſt, and fled.

Aum. Comfort my Liege, why lookes your Grace ſo pale?

Rich. But now the blood of twentie thouſand Men
Did triumph in my face, and they are fled,
And till ſo much blood thither come againe,
Have I not reaſon to looke pale, and dead?
All ſoules that will be ſafe, flye from my ſide,
For time hath ſet a blot upon my pride.

Aum. Comfort my Liege, remember who you are.

Rich. I had forgot my ſelfe. Am I not King?
Awake thou ſluggard Majeſty, thou ſleepeſt:
Is not the Kings Name forty thouſand Names?
Arme, arme my Name: a puny ſubiect ſtrikes
At thy great glory. Looke not to the ground,
Ye Favorites of a King: are we not high?
High be our thoughts: I know my Vncle *Yorke*
Hath Power enough to ſerve our turne,
But who comes here?

Enter Scroope.

Scroope. More health and happineſſe betide my Liege,
Then

Then can my care-tun'd tongue deliver him.

Rich. Mine eare is open, and my heart prepar'd:
The worſt is worldly loſſe, thou canſt unfold:
Say, Is my Kingdome loſt? why 'twas my Care:
And what loſſe is it to be rid of Care?
Strives *Bullingbrooke* to be as great as we?
Greater he ſhall not be: If he ſerve God,
Wee'l ſerve him too; and be his Fellow ſo.
Revolt our ſubiects? That we cannot mend,
They breake their Faith to God as well as us:
Cry Woe, Deſtruction, Ruine, Loſſe, Decay,
The worſt is Death, and death will have his day.

Scroope. Glad am I, that your Highneſſe is ſo arm'd
To beare the tidings of Calamity.
Like an unſeaſonable ſtormy day,
Which make the ſilver Rivers drowne their Shores,
As if the world were all diſſolu'd to teares:
So high, above his Limits, ſwells the Rage
Of *Bullingbrooke*, covering your fearefull Land
With hard bright Steele, and hearts harder then Steele:
White Beares have arm'd their thin and haireleſſe Scalps
Againſt thy Majeſty, and boyes with womens voyces,
Strive to ſpeake bigge, and clap their female joynts
In ſtiffe unwieldy Armes: againſt thy Crowne
Thy very Beadſmen learne to bend their bowes
Of double fatall Eugh: againſt thy ſtate
Yea Diſtaffe-VVomen manage ruſty Bills:
Againſt thy Seat both young and old rebell,
And all goes worſe then I have power to tell.

Rich. Too well, too well thou tell'ſt a Tale ſo ill.
VVhere is the Earle of Wiltſhire? where is *Bagot*?
VVhat is become of *Buſhy*? where is *Greene*?
That they have let the dangerous Enemy
Meaſure our Confines with ſuch peacefull ſteps?
If we prevaile, their hands ſhall pay for it.
I warrant they haue made peace with *Bullingbrooke*.

Scroope. Peace have they made with him indeede (my Lord.)

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Rich, Oh Villaines, Vipers, damn'd without redemption,
Dogs, eafily won to fawne on any man,
Snakes in my heart blood warm'd, that ſting my heart,
Three Iudaſſes, each one thrice worſe then *Iudas*,
Would they make peace? terrible Hell make warre,
Vpon their ſpotted ſoules for this Offence.
Scroope, Sweet love (I ſee) changing his property,
Turnes to the ſowreſt, and moſt deadly hate:
Againe uncurſe their ſoules: their peace is made
With Heads, and not with hands: thoſe whom you curſe
Have felt the worſt of deaths deſtroying hand,
And lye full low, grav'd in the hollow ground.
Aum. Is *Buſhy*, *Greene*, and the Earle of Wiltſhire dead
Scroope. Yea, all of them at Briſtow loſt their heads.
Aum. Where is the Duke my Father with his Power?
Rich. No matter where, of comfort no man ſpeake:
Let's talke of Graves, of Wormes, and Epitaphs,
Make duſt our Paper, and with Rainy Eyes
Write ſorrow in the boſome of the Earth.
Let's chuſe Executors, and talke of Wills:
And yet not ſo; for what can we bequeath,
Save our depoſed bodies to the ground?
Our Lands, our lives, and all are *Bullingbrookes*,
And nothing can we call our owne, but Death,
And that ſmall modell of the barren Earth,
Which ſerves as paſte, and cover to our bones:
For Heavens ſake let us ſit upon the ground,
And tell ſad ſtories of the death of Kings:
How ſome have beene depos'd, ſome ſlaine in warre,
Some haunted by the Ghoſts they have depos'd,
Some poyſon'd by their Wives, ſome ſleeping kill'd,
All murther'd. For within the hollow Crowne
That rounds the mortall temples of a King,
Keepes Death his Court, and there the Antique ſits
Scoffing his ſtate, and grinning at his pompe,
Allowing him a breath, a little Scene,
To Monarchize, be fear'd, and kill with lookes,
Infuſing him with ſelfe and vaine conceit,

As if this Fleſh, which walls about our Life,
VVere Braſſe impregnable: and humor'd thus,
Comes at the laſt, and with a little Pinne
Boares through his Caſtle VValls, and farewell King
Cover your heads, and mocke not fleſh and blood
VVith ſolemne Reverence: throw away Reſpect,
Tradition, forme, and Ceremonious duty,
For you have but miſtooke me all this while:
I live with bread like you, feele VVant,
Taſte Griefe, need Friends: ſubjected thus,
How can you ſay to me, I am a King?
Carl. My Lord; wiſe men ne're waile their preſent woes,
But preſently prevent the wayes to waile:
To feare the Foe, ſince feare oppreſſeth ſtrength,
Gives in your weakeneſſe, ſtrength unto your Foe;
Feare, and be ſlaine, no worſe can come to fight,
And fight and die, is death deſtroying death.
VVhere fearing dying, payes death ſervile breath.
Aum. My Father hath a Power, enquire of him,
And learne to make a Body of a Limbe.
Rich. Thou chid'ſt me well: proud *Bullingbrooke* I come
To change blowes with thee, for our day of Doome:
This Ague-fit of feare is over-blowne;
An eaſie taske it is to win our owne.
Say *Scroope*, where lies our Vncle with his Power?
Speake ſweetly man, although thy lookes be ſowre.
Scroope. Men judge by the complexion of the skie
The ſtate and inclination of the day,
So may you by my dull and heavy Eye:
My tongue hath but a heavier Tale to ſay:
I play the torturer, by ſmall and ſmall
To lengthen out the worſt that muſt be ſpoken,
Your Vncle *Yorke* is joyn'd with *Bullingbrooke*,
And all your Northerne Caſtles yeilded up,
And all your ſoutherne Gentlemen in Armes
Vpon his Faction.
Rich. Thou haſt ſayd enough.
Beſhrew thee Coſin, which didſt lead me forth

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Of that ſweet way I was in, to diſpaire:
What ſay you now? what comfort have we now?
By heaven Ile hate him everlaſtingly,
That bids me be of comfort any more.
Goe to Flint Caſtle, there Ile pine away,
A King, Woes ſlave, ſhall Kingly Woe obey:
That power I have, diſcharge, and let 'em goe
To eare the Land, that hath ſome hope to grow
For I have none. Let no man ſpeake againe
To alter this, for counſaile is but vaine.
Aum. My Liege, one word.
Rich. He does me double wrong,
That wounds me with the flatteries of his tongue,
Diſcharge my followers: let them hence away,
From *Richards* Night, to *Bullingbrookes* faire Day. *Exeu.*

Scæna Tertia.

Enter with Drum and Colours, Bullingbrooke, Yorke, Northumberland, Attendants.

Bul. So that by this intelligence we learne
The Welchmen are diſpers'd, and *Salisbury*
Is gone to meete the King, who lately landed
With ſome few private friends, upon this Coaſt.
Nor. The news is very faire and good my Lord,
Richard not farre from hence, hath hid his head.
Yor. It would beſeeme the Lord Northumberland,
To ſay King *Richard*: alacke the heavy day,
When ſuch a ſacred King ſhould hide his head.
Nor. Your Grace miſtakes: onely to be briefe,
Left I this Title out.
Yor. The time hath beene,
Would you have beene ſo briefe with him, he would
Have beene ſo briefe with you, to ſhorten you,
For taking ſo the head; your whole heads length.
Bul. Miſtake not (Vncle) farther than you ſhould.
Yor. Take not (good Coſin) farther than you ſhould,
Leaſt you miſtake, the heavens are ore your head.
Bul. I know it (Vncle) and oppoſe not my ſelfe
Againſt their will. But who comes here?

Enter Percy.

Welcome *Harry*: what, will not this Caſtle yeeld?
Per. The Caſtle royally is mann'd, my Lord,
Againſt thy entrance.
Bul. Royally? Why, it contaynes no King?
Per. Yes (my good Lord)
It doth containe a King: King *Richard* lyes
Within the limits of yond Lime and Stone,
And with him the Lord *Aumerle*, Lord *Salisbury*
Sir *Stephen Scroope*, beſides a Cleargy man
Of holy reverence: who, I cannot learne.
Nor. Oh, belike it is the Biſhop of Carlile.
Bul. Noble Lord,
Goe to the rude Ribs of that ancient Caſtle,
Through Brazen Trumpet ſend the breath of Parle
Into his ruin'd Eares, and thus deliver:
Henry Bullingbrooke upon his knees doth kiſſe
King *Richards* hand, and ſends allegeance
And true fayth of heart to his royall Perſon: hither come
Even at his feete, to lay my armes and power
Provided, that my Baniſhment repeal'd,
And Lands reſtor'd againe, be freely granted:
If not, ile uſe th'advantage of my power,
And lay the ſummers duſt with ſhowers of blood
Rayn'd from the wounds of ſlaughter'd Engliſhmen;
The which, how farre off from the mind of *Bullingbrooke*
It is, ſuch Crimſon Tempeſt ſhould bedrench
The freſh greene Lap of faire King *Richards* Land
My ſtooping duty tenderly ſhall ſhew.
Goe ſignifie as much, while here we march
Vpon the Graſſie Carpet of this plaine
Let's march without the noyſe of threatning Drum,
That from this Caſtels tatter'd Battelments

Our

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Our faire Appoyntments may be well perus'd
Me thinkes King *Richard* and my ſelfe ſhould meete
With no leſſe terror then the Elements
Of Fire and Water, when their thundering ſmoake
At meeting teares the cloudy cheekes of Heaven:
Be he the fire, Ile be the yeilding Water;
The rage be his, while on the Earth I raine
My Waters on the Earth, and not on him.
March on, and marke King *Richard* how he lookes.

Parle without, and anſwer within: then a Flouriſh. Enter on the Walls, Richard, Carlile, Aumerle, Scroop, Salisbury.

See, ſee, King *Richard* doth himſelfe appeare
As doth the bluſhing diſcontented Sunne,
From out the fiery Portall of the Eaſt.
When he perceives the envious clouds are bent
To dimme his glory, and to ſtaine the tract
Of his bright paſſage to the Occident.

Yor. Yet lookes he like a King: behold his Eye
(As bright as is the Eagles) lightens forth
Controlling Majeſty: alacke, alacke, for woe,
That any harme ſhould ſtaine ſo faire a ſhow.

Rich. We are amaz'd, and thus long have we ſtood
To watch the fearefull bending of thy Knee,
Becauſe we thought our ſelfe thy lawfull King:
And if we be, how dare thy ioynts forget
To pay the awfull duty of our preſence?
If we be not, ſhew us the hand of God,
That hath diſmis'd us from our Stewardſhip,
For well we know no hand of blood and bone
Can gripe the ſacred handle of our Scepter,
Vnleſſe he doe prophane, ſteale or uſurpe.
And though you thinke, that all as you have done,
Have torne their ſoules, by turning them from us,
And we are barren, and bereft of friends:
Yet know, my maſter, God Omnipotent,
Is muſtring in his Clouds, in our behalfe,
Armies of Peſtilence, and they ſhall ſtrike

Your Children yet unborne, and unbegot,
That lift your Vaſſall hands againſt my head,
And threat the glory of my precious Crowne.
Tell *Bullingbrooke*, for yond me thinkes he is,
That every ſtride he makes upon my Land,
Is dangerous Treaſon: he is come to ope
The purple Teſtament of bleeding Warre;
But ere the Crowne he lookes for, live in peace,
Ten thouſand bloody crownes of Mothers Sonnes
Shall ill become the flower of Englands face,
Change the complexion of her Maide-pale Peace
To Scarlet indignation, and bedew
Her paſtors Graſſe with faythfull Engliſh blood.

Nor. The King of Heaven forbid our Lord the King
Should ſo with civill and vncivill Armes
Be ruſh'd upon: Thy thrice-noble Coſin,
Harry Bullingbrooke, doth humbly kiſſe thy hand,
And by the honourable Tombe he ſweares,
That ſtands upon your Royall Grandfires Bones,
And by the royalties of both your bloods.
(Currents that ſpring from one moſt gracious head)
And by the buried hand of Warlike *Gaunt*,
And by the worth and honour of himſelfe,
Comprizing all that may be ſworne, or ſayd,
His comming hither hath no farther ſcope,
Then for his Lineall Royalties, and to begge
Infranchiſement-immediate on his knees:
Which on thy Royall party granted once,
His glittering Armes he will commend to ruſt,
His barbed Steeds to ſtables, and his heart
To faythfull ſervice of your Maieſty:
This ſweares he as he is a Prince, is juſt,
And as I am a Gentleman I credit him.

Rich. Northumberland, ſay thus: The King returnes,
His Noble Coſin is right welcome hither,
And all the number of his faire demands
Shall be accompliſh'd without contradiction:
With all the gracious utterance thou haſt,

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Speake to his gentle hearing kind commends.
VVe doe debaſe our ſelfe (Coſin) doe we not,
To looke ſo poorely, and to ſpeake ſo faire?
Shall we call backe *Northumberland* and ſend
Defiance to the Traytor and ſo die?

Aum. No, good my Lord, let's fight with gentle words,
Till time lend friends, and friends their hopefull Swords.

Rich. Oh God, oh God, that ere this tongue of mine,
That layd the ſentence of dread Baniſhment
On yond proud man, ſhould take it of againe
VVith words of ſooth: O that I were as great
As is my Griefe, or leſſer than my Name,
Or that I could forget what I have beene,
Or not remember what I muſt be now:
Swell'ſt thou proud heart? Ile giue thee ſcope to beate,
Since foes have ſcope to beate both thee and me.

Au. Northumberland comes backe from *Bullingbrooke.*

Rich. VVhat muſt the King doe now? muſt he ſubmit?
The King ſhall doe it: Muſt he be depos'd?
The King ſhall be contented: Muſt he loſe
The Name of King? o' Gods Name let it goe.
Ile give my Iewels for a ſet of beades,
My gorgeous Pallace, for a Hermitage,
My gay Apparrell, for an Almes-mans Gowne,
My figur'd Goblets, for a Diſh of Wood,
My Scepter for a Palmers walking Staffe,
My Subjects, for a payre of carved Saints,
And my large Kingdome, for a little Grave,
A little little Grave, an obſcure Grave.
Or Ile be buried in the Kings high-way,
Some way of common Trade, where Subjects feete
May howrely trample on their Soveraignes Head:
For on my heart they tread now, whileſt I live;
And buried once, why not upon my Head?
Aumerle, thou weep'ſt (my tender-hearted Coſin)
VVee'le make foule Weather with deſpiſed Teares:
Our ſighs, and they, ſhall lodge the Summer Corne,
And make a Dearth in this revolting Land.

Or

Or ſhall we play the wantons, with our woes,
And make ſome pretty match with ſhedding teares?
As thus: to drop them ſtill upon one place,
Till they have fretted us a paire of Graves,
VVithin the Earth: and therein layd, there lies
Two Kinſmen digg'd their Graves with weeping Eyes?
VVould not this ill, doe well? well, well, I ſee
I talke but idly, and you mocke at me.
Moſt mighty Prince, my Lord *Northumberland*,
VVhat ſayes King *Bullingbrooke*? will his Majeſty
Give *Richard* leave to live, till *Richard* die?
You make a legge and *Bullingbrooke* ſayes I,

Nor. My Lord, in the baſe Court he doth attend
To ſpeake with you, may it pleaſe you to come downe.

Rich. Downe, downe I come, like glift'ring *Phaeton*,
Wanting the manage of unruly Iades.
In the baſe Court? baſe Court where Kings grow baſe,
To come at Traytors calls, and doe them grace. (King,
In the baſe Court come downe: downe Court, downe
For Night-Owles ſhrike, where mounting Larks ſhould (ſing.

Bul. What ſayes his Majeſty?

Nor. Sorrow and griefe of heart
Makes him ſpeake fondly, like a frantick man:
Yet he is come.

Bul. Stand all apart,
And ſhew faire duty to his Maieſty.
My gracious Lord.

Rich. Faire Coſin,
You debaſe your Princely knee,
To make the baſe earth proud with kiſſing it.
Me rather had, my heart might feele your love,
Than my unpleas'd Eye ſee your courteſie.
Vp Coſin, up, your Heart is up, I know,
Thus high at leaſt, although your knee be low.

Bul. My gracious Lord, I come but for mine owne.

Rich. Your owne is yours, and I am yours, and all.

Bul. So farre be mine, (my moſt redoubted Lord,)
As my true ſervice ſhall deſerue your love.

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Rich. Well you deſerv'd:
They well deſerue to have,
That know the ſtrong'ſt, and ſureſt way to get,
Vncle give me your hand: nay, dry your eyes,
Teares ſhew their love, but want their remidies.
Cosin I am too young to be your Father,
Though you are old enough to be my Heire.
What you will have, Ile give, and willing too,
For doe we muſt, what force will have us doe.
Set on towards London:
Coſin, is it ſo?

Bul. Yea, my good Lord.

Rich. Then I muſt not ſay, no. *Flouriſh. Exeunt.*

Scæna Quinta.

Enter Queene, and two Ladies.

Qu. What ſport ſhall we deviſe here in this Garden,
To driue away the heavy thought of Care?

La. Madam, we'le play at Bowles.

Qu. 'Twill make me thinke the world is full of Rubs,
And that my fortune runnes againſt the Byas.

La. Madam, we'le Dance.

Qu. My legges can keepe no meaſure in Delight,
When my poore heart no meaſure keepes in Griefe.
Therefore no Dancing (Girle) ſome other ſport.

La. Madam, we'le tell Tales.

Qu. Of ſorrow, or of griefe?

La. Of eyther Madam.

Qu. Of neyther Girle.
For if of ioy, being altogether wanting,
It doth remember me the more of ſorrow:
Or if of griefe, being altogether had,
It addes more ſorrow to my want of joy:
For what I have, I need not to repeat;

And what I want, it bootes not to complaine.

La. Madam, Ile ſing.

Qu. 'Tis well that thou haſt cauſe;
But thou ſhould'ſt pleaſe me better, would'ſt thou weepe.

La. I could weepe, Madam, would it doe you good.

Qu. And I could ſing, would weeping doe me good,
And never borrow any Teare of thee.

Enter a Gardiner, and two Seruants.

But ſtay, heere comes the Gardiners.
Let's ſtep into the ſhadow of theſe Trees.
My wretchedneſſe, unto a Row of Pinnes,
They'le talke of ſtate: for every one doth ſo,
Againſt a change; Woe is fore-runne with woe.

Gard. Goe binde thou up yond dangling Apricocks.
VVhich like unruly Children, make their Syre
Stoupe with oppreſſion of their prodigall weight;
Give ſome ſupportance to the bending twigges.
Goe thou, and like an Executioner
Cut off the heads of, too faſt growing ſprayes.
That looke too lofty in our Common-wealth:
All muſt be even, in our Governement.
You thus imploy'd, I will goe root away
The noyſome weedes, that without profit ſucke
The Soyles fertility from wholeſome flowers.

Ser. Why ſhould we, in the compaſſe of a Pale,
Keepe Law and Forme, and due Proportion,
Shewing as in a Modell our firme ſtate?
When our Sea-walled Garden, (the whole Land)
Is full of Weedes, her faireſt Flowers choakt up,
Her Fruit-trees all unpruin'd, her Hedges ruin'd,
Her Knots diſorder'd, and her wholeſome Hearbes
Swarming with Caterpillers.

Gard. Hold thy peace.
He that hath ſuffer'd this diſorder'd Spring,
Hath now himſelfe met with the Fall of Leafe.
The Weeds that his broad-ſpreading Leaves did ſhelter,
That ſeem'd, in eating him, to hold him up,
Are pull'd up, Root, and all, by *Bullingbrooke*;

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I meane the Earle of Wiltshire, *Bushy*, *Greene*,
Ser. What are they dead?
Gard. They are,
And *Bullingbrooke* hath seiz'd the wastefull King.
What pitty is it, that he hath not trim'd
And dreſt his Land, as we this Garden, at time of yeare;
And wound the Barke, the skin of our Fruite-trees,
Leaſt being over-proud with Sap and Blood,
With too much riches it confound it ſelfe?
Had he done ſo, to great and growing men,
They might have liv'd to beare, and he to taſte
Their fruits of duty. All ſuperfluous branches
We lop away, that bearing boughes may live:
Had he done ſo, himſelfe had borne the Crowne,
Which waſte and idle houres, hath quite throwne downe.
Ser. VVhat thinke you the King ſhall be depos'd?
Gard. Depreſt he is already, and depos'd
'Tis doubted he will be. Letters came laſt night
To a deare friend of the Duke of *Yorke*,
That tell blacke tidings.
Qu. Oh I am preſt to death, through want of ſpeaking:
Thou old *Adams* likeneſſe, ſet to dreſſe this Garden:
How dares thy harſh tongue ſound this unpleaſing (newes?
What *Eve*, what ſerpent hath ſuggeſted thee,
To make a ſecond fall of curſed man?
Why do'ſt thou ſay King *Richard* is depos'd?
Dar'ſt thou, (thou little better thing then earth)
Divine his downefall? Say where, when, and how
Cam'ſt thou by this ill tydings? Speake thou wretch.
Gard. Pardon me Madam. Little joy have I
To breath theſe newes; yet what I ſay, is true;
King *Richard*, he is in the mighty hold
Of *Bullingbrooke*, their fortunes both are weigh'd:
In your Lords Scale, is nothing but himſelfe,
And ſome few vanities, that make him light:
But in the Ballance of great *Bullingbrooke*,
Beſides himſelfe, are all the Engliſh Peeres,
And with that oddes he weighes King *Richard* downe.
Poſt

Poſt you to London, and you'l finde it ſo,
I ſpeake no more, then every one doth know.
Qu. Nimble miſchance, that art ſo light of foote,
Doth not thy Embaſſage belong to me?
And am I laſt that know it? Oh thou think'ſt
To ſerue me laſt, that I may longeſt keepe
Thy ſorrow in my breaſt. Come Ladies goe,
To meet at London, Londons King in woe.
What, was I borne to this? that my ſad looke
Should grace the Triumph of great *Bullingbrooke*!
Gard'ner, for telling me this newes of woe.
I would the Plants thou graft'ſt may never grow. *Exit.*
Gard. Poore Queene, ſo that thy ſtate might be no (worſe,
I would my skill were ſubiect to thy curſe:
Here did ſhe drop a teare, here in this place
Ile ſet a Banke of Rew, (ſowre Herbe of Grace:)
Rue, ev'n for ruth, here ſhortly ſhall be ſeene,
In the remembrance of a weeping Queene. *Exit.*

Actus Quartus, Scæna Prima.

Enter as to the Parliament, Bullingbrooke, Aumerle, Northumberland, Percy, Fitz-Water, Surrey, Carlile, Abbot of Weſtminſter. Herauld, Officers, and Bagot.

Bul. Call forth *Bagot*.
Now *Bagot*, freely ſpeake thy mind,
VVhat thou doſt know of Noble *Gloſters* death,
VVho wrought it with the King, and who perform'd
The bloody Office of his timeleſſe end,
Bag. Then ſet before my face the Lord *Aumerle*.
Bul. Coſin, ſtand forth and looke upon that man.
Bag. My Lord *Aumerle*, I know your daring tongue
Scornes to unſay what it hath once deliver'd.
In that dead time, when *Gloſters* death was plotted,

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I heard you say, Is not my arme of length,
That reacheth from the restfull Englisth Court
As farre as Callis,to my Vncles head ?
Amongst much other talke,that very time,
I heard you say,that you had rather refuse
The offer of an hundred thousand Crownes.
Then *Bullingbrookes* returne to England; adding withall,
How blest this Land would be,in this your Cosins death.
Aum. Princes and Noble Lords:
What answer shall I make to this base man:
Shall I so much dishonour my faire starres,
On equall termes to give him chasticement?
Eyther I must,or have mine honour spoyl'd
With th' Atteindor of his sland'rous lips,
There is my Gage,the manuall seale of death
That markes thee out for hell. Thou lyest,
And will maintaine what thou hast sayd,is false,
In thy hearts blood,though being all too base,
To staine the temper of my Knightly sword.
Bul.Bagot forbeare, thou shalt not take it up.
Aum. Excepting one, I would he were the best
In all this presence,that hath moved me so.
Fitz. If that thy valour stand on sympathies:
There is my Gage, *Aumerle*, in Gage to thine:
By that faire sunne,that shewes me where thou stand'st,
I heard thee say,(and vantingly thou spak'st it)
That thou wer't cause of Noble *Glosters* death.
If thou denyest it,twenty times thou lyest,
And I will turne thy falsehood to thy heart,
Where it was forged with my Rapiers poynt.
Aum. Thou dar'st not (Coward) live to see the day.
Fitz. Now by my Soule,I would it were this houre.
Aum.Fitzwater thou art damn'd to hell for this.
Per. *Aumerle*, thou lyest: his honour is as true
In this appeale, as thou art all uniust:
And that thou art so,there I throw my Gage
To proveit on thee,to th' extreamest poynt
Of mortall breathing. Seize it if thou dar'st.

Aum.

Aum. And if I doe not,may my hands rot off,
And never brandish more revengefull Steele,
Over the glittering Helmet of my Foe.
Sur. My Lord *Fitzwater*:
I doe remember well, the very time
Aumerle,and you did talke.
Fitz. My Lord,
'Tis very true: You were in presence then;
And you can witnesse with me, this is true.
Sur. As false, by heaven,
As heaven it selfe is true.
Fitz. *Surry*, thou lyest,
Sur. Dishonourable Boy;
That lye shall lye so heauy on my sword,
That it shall render Vengeance and Revenge,
Till thou the Lye-giver,and that lye, doe lye
In earth as quiet,as thy Fathers Scull.
In proofe whereof,there is mine Honours pawne,
Engage it to the Tryall, if thou dar'st.
Fitz. How fondly dost thou spurre a forward Horse?
If I dare eate,or drinke,or breath,or live,
I dare meete *Surry* in a Wildernesse,
And spit upon him,whilst I say he lies,
And lies,and lies: there is my bond of Faith,
To tye thee to my strong Correction.
As I intended to thrive in this new world,
Aumerle is guilty of my true appeale.
Besides,I heard the banish'd *Norfolke* say,
That thou *Aumerle* didst send two of thy men,
To execute the Noble Duke at Callis.
Aum. Some honest Christian trust me with a Gage,
That *Norfolke* lies,here doe I throw downe this,
If he may be repeald, to try his honour.
Bul. These differences shall all rest under Gage,
Till *Norfolke* be repeal'd: repeal'd he shall be;
(And though mine Enemy) restor'd againe
To all his Lands and Seigniories: when hee's return'd,
Against *Aumerle* we will inforce his Tryall.

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Car. That honourable day shall ne're be seene.
Many a time hath banish'd *Norfolke* fought
For Iesu Christ, in glorious Christian field
Streaming the Ensigne of the Christian Crosse
Against blacke Pagans, Turkes, and Saracens:
And toyl'd with workes of warre, retyr'd himselfe
To *Italy*, and there at *Venice* gave
His Body to that pleasant Countries Earth,
And his pure soule unto his Captaine Christ,
Vnder whose Colours he had fought so long.
Bul. Why Bishop, is *Norforke* dead?
Carl. As sure as I live my Lord.
Bul. Sweet peace conduct his sweet soule
To the Bosome of good old *Abraham*.
Lords Appealants, your differences shall all rest under
Till we assigne you to your dayes of Tryall. (gage,

Enter Yorke.

Yorke. Great Duke of Lancaster, I come to thee
From Plume-pluckt *Richard*, who with willing soule
Adopts thee Heire, and his high Scepter yeelds
To the possession of thy Royall Hand.
Ascend his Throne, descending now from him,
And long live *Henry*, of that Name the Fourth.
Bul. In Gods Name, Ile ascend the Regall throne,
Carl. Mary, Heaven forbid.
VVorst in this Royall Presence may I speake,
Yet best beseeming me to speake the truth.
Would God, that any in this Noble Presence
Were enough Noble to be upright Iudge
Of Noble *Richard*; then true Noblenesse would
Learne him forbearance from so foule a Wrong.
What subject can give sentence on his King?
And who sits here, that is not *Richards* subject?
Theeves are not judg'd, but they are by to heare
Although apparant guilt be seene in them:
And shall the figure of Gods Majesty,
His Captaine, steward, Deputy elect,
Anoynted, Crown'd and planted many yeares,

Be judg'd by subjects, and inferior breath,
And he himselfe not present? Oh, forbid, it God,
That in a Christian Climate, soules refinde
Should shew so heynous, blacke, obscene a deed.
I speake to subjects, and a subject speakes,
Stirr'd up by Heaven, thus boldly for his King.
My Lord of *Hereford* here, whom you call King,
Is a foule Traytor to prowd *Herefords* King.
And if you Crowne him, let me prophecy,
The blood of English shall manure the ground,
And future ages groane for his foule Act.
Peace shall goe sleepe with *Turkes* and Infidels,
And in this Seat of Peace, tumultuous Warres
Shall Kinne with Kinne, and Kinde with Kinde confound,
Disorder, Horror, Feare, and Mutiny
Shall here inhabite and this Land be call'd
The field of Golgotha, and dead mens sculls.
Oh, if you reare this House against this House
It will the wofullest Division prove,
That ever fell upon this cursed Earth.
Prevent it, resist it, let it not be so,
Least Child, Childs Children cry against you, VVoe.
North. Well have you argu'd Sir: and for your paines,
Of Capitall Treason we arrest you here.
My Lord of Westminster, be it your charge,
To keepe him safely, till his day of Tryall.
May it please you, Lords, to grant the Commons Suit?
Bull. Fetch hither *Richard*, that in common view
He may surrender: so we shall proceede
VVithout suspition.
Yor. I will be his Conduct. *Exit.*
Bull. Lords, you that here are under our Arrest,
Procure your Sureties for your Dayes of Answer:
Little are we beholding to your Love,
And little look'd for at your helping Hands:

Enter Richard and Yorke.

Rich. Alack, why am I sent for to a King,
Before I have shooke off the Regall thoughts

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Wherewith I reign'd? I hardly yet have learn'd
To inſinuate, flatter, bow, and bend my Knee.
Give Sorrow leave a while, to returne me
To this ſubmiſſion. Yet I will remember
The favors of theſe men: were they not mine?
Did they not ſometime cry, All hayle to me?
So *Iudas* did to Chriſt: but he in twelve,
Found truth in all, but one; I, in twelve thouſand, none.
God ſave the King: will no man ſay, Amen?
Am I both Prieſt and Clarke? well then, Amen.
God ſave the King, although I be not he:
And yet Amen, if Heaven doe thinke him me.
To doe what ſervice, am I ſent for hither?
Yor. To doe that office of thine owne good will,
Which tyred Majeſty did make thee offer:
The Reſignation of thy State and Crowne
To *Henry Bullingbrooke*.
Rich. Give me the Crown. Here Coſin, ſeize the Crown:
Here Coſin, on this ſide my Hand, on that ſide thine.
Now is this Golden Crowne like a deepe Well,
That owes two Buckets, filling one another,
The emptier ever dancing in the ayre,
The other downe, unſeene, and full of Water:
That Bucket downe, and full of Teares am I,
Drinking my Griefes, whilſt you mount up on high.
Bul. I thought you had beene willing to reſigne.
Rich. My Crowne I am, but ſtill my Griefes are mine:
You may my Glories and my State depoſe,
But not my Griefes; ſtill am I King of thoſe.
Bul. Part of your Cares you give me with your Crown.
Rich. Your Cares ſet up, doe not pluck my Cares down.
My Care, is loſſe of Care, by old Care done,
Your Care, is gaine of Care, by new Care wonne:
The Cares I giue, I have, though given away,
They tend the Crowne, yet ſtill with me they ſtay:
Bul. Are you contented to reſigne the Crowne?
Rich. I no; no, I: for I muſt nothing be:
Therefore no, no, for I reſigne to thee.

Now,

Now, marke me how I will undoe my ſelfe.
I give this heauy weight from off my Head,
And this unwieldy Scepter from my hand,
The pride of Kingly ſway from out my heart.
With mine owne Teares I waſh away my blame,
With mine owne hands I give away my Crowne.
With mine owne Tongue deny my ſacred State,
With mine owne breath releaſe all dutious Oathes:
All pompe and Maieſty I doe forſweare:
My Mannors, Rents, Revenews, I forgoe;
My Acts, Decrees, and Statutes I deny:
God pardon all Oathes that are broke to me,
God keepe all vowes unbroke are made to thee.
Make me, that nothing have, with nothing griev'd,
And thou with all pleas'd, that haſt all atchiev'd,
Long mayſt thou live in *Richards* Seate to ſit,
And ſoone lie *Richard* in an earthy pit.
God ſave King *Henry*, un-king'd *Richard* ſayes,
And ſend him many yeares of ſunne-ſhine dayes.
What more remaines?
Nor. No more: but that you read
Theſe Accuſations, and theſe grievous Crymes,
Committed by your perſon, and your followers
Againſt the ſtate, and profit of this Land:
That by confeſſing them, the ſoules of men
May deeme, that you are worthily depos'd.
Rich. Muſt I doe ſo? and muſt I ravell out
My weav'd up follyes? Gentle *Northumberland*,
If thy Offences were upon Record,
Would it not ſhame thee in ſo faire a troupe,
To reade a Lecture of them? If thou would'ſt,
There ſhould'ſt thou find one haynous Article
Containing the depoſing of a King,
And cracking the ſtrong warrant of an Oath,
Mark'd with a Blot, damn'd in the booke of Heaven.
Nay, all of you that ſtand and looke upon me,
Whil'ſt that my wretchedneſſe doth bait my ſelfe,
Though ſome of you, with *Pilate* waſh your hands,

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Shewing an outward pitty: yet you *Pilates*
Have here deliver'd me to my sowre Crosse,
And Water cannot wash away your sinne.
Nor. My Lord dispatch, read o're these Articles.
Rich. Mine eyes are full of teares, I cannot see:
And yet salt-water blindes them not so much,
But they can see a sort of Traytors here.
Nay, if I turne mine eyes upon my selfe,
I finde my selfe a Traytor with the rest
For I have given here my soules consent,
T' undecke the pompous body of a King;
Made glory base, a soveraigne, a slave;
Proud Maiesty, a subiect; State, a Pesant,
Nor. My Lord.
Rich. No Lord of thine, thou haught-insulting man;
No, nor no mans Lord: I have no Name, no Title:
No, not that Name was given me at the Font,
But 'tis usurpt: alacke the heavy day,
That I have worne so many Winters out,
And know not now, what Name to call my selfe.
Oh, that I were a mockery, King of Snow,
Standing before the sunne of *Bullingbrooke*,
To melt my selfe away in Water-drops:
Good King, great King, and yet not greatly good,
And if my word be sterling yet in England,
Let it command a mirror hither straight,
That it may shew me what a face I have,
Since it is Bankrupt of his Maiesty.
Bul. Goe some of you, and fetch a Looking-Glasse.
Nor. Read o're this Paper, while the Glasse doth come.
Rich. Fiend, thou torments me, ere I come to Hell.
Bul. Vrge it no more my Lord *Northumberland*.
Nor. The Commons will not then be satisfy'd.
Rich. They shall be satisfy'd: ile reade enough,
When I doe see the very Booke indeed,
Where all my sinnes are writ, and that's my selfe.
Enter one with a Glasse.
Give me that Glasse, and therein will I reade.

No deeper wrinkles yet? hath sorrow strucke
So many blowes upon this face of mine,
And made no deeper wounds? Oh flattering Glasse,
Like to my followers in prosperity,
Thou do'st beguile me. Was this face the face
That every day, under his household Roofe,
Did keepe ten thousand men? was this the face,
That like the sunne did make beholders winke?
Is this the face, which fac'd so many follyes,
That was at last out-fac'd by *Bullingbrooke*?
A brittle glory shineth in this face,
As brittle as the Glory, is the face,
For there it is, crackt in an hundred shivers.
Marke silent King, the Morall of this sport,
How soone my sorrow hath destroy'd my face.
Bul. The shadow of your sorrow hath destroy'd
The shadow of your face.
Rich. Say that againe.
The shadow of my sorrow: ha, lets see,
'Tis very true, my griefe lyes all within,
And these externall manners of laments,
Are meerely shadows to the unseene griefe,
That swells with silence in the tortur'd soule.
There lies the substance: and I thanke thee King
For thy great bounty, that not onely giv'st
Me cause to waile, but teachest me the way
How to lament the cause. Ile begge one boone,
And then be gone, and trouble you no more.
Shall I obtaine it?
Bul. Name it, faire Cosin.
Rich. Faire Cosin? I am greater than a King:
For when I was a King, my flatterers
Were then my subiects; being now a subiect,
I have a King here to my flatterer:
Being so great, I have no need to begge.
Bul. Yet aske.
Rich, And shall I have?
Bul. You shall.

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Rich. Then give me leave to goe.
Bul. Whither?
Rich. Whither you will, ſo I were from your ſights.
Bul. Goe ſome of you convey him to the Tower.
Rich. Oh good: convey: Conveyers are you all,
That riſe thus nimbly by a true Kings fall.
Bul. On wedneſday next, we ſolemnly ſet downe
Our Coronation; Lords prepare your ſelves. *Exeunt.*
Abbot. A wofull Pageant haue we here beheld.
Carl. The woe's to come, the children yet un-borne,
Shall feele this day as ſharpe to them as thorne.
Aum. You holy clergy-men, is there no plot
To rid the Realme of this pernicious blot?
Abbot. Before I freely ſpeake my minde herein,
You ſhall not onely take the Sacrament,
To bury mine intents, but alſo to effect
What ever I ſhall happen to deviſe.
I ſee your browes are full of diſcontent,
Your heart of ſorrow, and your eyes of teares,
Come home with me to ſupper, ile lay a plot
Shall ſhew us all a merry day. *Exeunt.*

Actus Quintus, Scæna Prima.

Enter Queene, and Ladies.

Qu. This way the King will come: this is the way
To *Iulius Cæſars* ill-erected Tower:
To whoſe flint boſome, my condemned Lord
Is doom'd a Priſoner, by proud *Bullingbrooke.*
Here let us reſt, if this rebellious Earth
Have any reſting for her true Kings Queene.

Enter Richard and Gard.

But ſoft, but ſee, or rather doe not ſee,
My faire Roſe wither: yet looke up; behold.
That you in pitty may diſſolve to dew,
And waſh him freſh againe with true-love teares.
Ah thou the modell where old Troy did ſtand,
Thou map of honour, thou King *Richards* Tombe,
And not King *Richard*: thou moſt beauteous Inne,
Why ſhould hard-favor'd griefe be lodg'd in thee,
When triumph is become an Ale-houſe gueſt?
Rich. Ioyne not with griefe, faire Woman, doe not ſo,
To make my end too ſudden; learne good ſoule,
To thinke our former State a happy dreame,
From which awak'd, the truth of what we are,
Shewes us but this. I am ſworne Brother (ſweet)
To grim neceſſity; and he and I
Will keepe a League till Death. High thee to France,
And Cloyſter thee in ſome Religious houſe:
Our holy lives muſt win a new worlds Crowne,
Which our prophane houres here have throwne downe.
Qu. What, is my *Richard* both in ſhape and mind
Transform'd, and weaken'd? Hath *Bullingbrooke*
Depos'd thine Intellect? hath he beene in thy heart?
The Lyon dying thruſteth forth his paw,
And wounds the earth, if nothing elſe, with rage
To be o're-powr'd: and wilt thou, Pupil-like,
Take thy Correction mildly, kiſſe the Rodde,
And fawne on rage with baſe humility,
Which art a Lyon, and a King of Beaſts?
Rich. A King of beaſts indeed, if aught but beaſt,
I had beene ſtill a happy King of Men.
Good (ſometime Queene) prepare thee hence for France:
Thinke I am dead, and that even heare thou tak'ſt,
As from my death-bed, my laſt living leave.
In winters teadious night ſit by the fire
With good old folkes, and let them tell thee tales
Of woefull ages, long agoe betide:
And ere thou bid goodnight, to quit their griefe,
Tell thou the lamentable fall of me,
And ſend the hearers weeping to their beds:
For why? the ſenceleſſe Brands will ſympathize
The heavy accent of my mooving tongue,

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And in compaſſion, weepe the fire out:
And ſome will mourne in Aſhes, ſome coale-blacke,
For the depoſing of a rightfull King.

Enter Northumberland.

North. My Lord, the mind of *Bullingbrooke* is chang'd.
You muſt to Pomfret, not unto the Tower.
And Madam, there is order ta'ne for you:
With all ſwift ſpeed, you muſt away to *France*.

Rich. Northumberland, thou Ladder wherewithall
The mounting *Bullingbrooke* aſcends my Throne,
The time ſhall not be many houres of age,
More than it is, ere foule ſinne, gathering head,
Shall breake into corruption: thou ſhalt thinke,
Though he devide the Realme, and give thee halfe,
It is too little, helping him to all:
He ſhall thinke, that thou which know'ſt the way
To plant unrightfull Kings, wilt know againe,
Being ne're ſo little urg'd, another way,
To plucke him headlong from th' uſurped Throne.
The Love of wicked friends converts to Feare;
That Feare, to Hate; and Hate turnes one or both,
To worthy Danger, and deſerved Death.

North. My guilt be on my Head, and there an end:
Take leave, and part, for you muſt part forthwith.

Rich. Doubly divorc'd? (bad men) ye violate
A two-fold Marriage; 'twixt my Crowne, and me,
And then betiwixt me, and my marryed Wife.
Let me un-kiſſe the Oath 'twixt thee and me;
And yet not ſo, for with a kiſſe 'twas made
Part us *Northumberland*: I, towards the North,
Where ſhivering Cold and Sickneſſe pines the Clyme:
My Queene to *France*: from whence, ſet forth in pompe,
She came adorned hither like ſweet may;
Sent backe Hollowmas, or ſhort'ſt of day.

Qu. And muſt we be divided? muſt we part?

Rich. I, hand from hand (my Love) and heart fró heart.

Qu. Baniſh us both, and ſend the King with me.

North. That were ſome Love, but little Pollicy.

Qu. Then whither he goes thither let me goe.

Rich. So two together weeping, make one Woe,
Weepe thou for me in France; I, for for thee here:
Better farre off, than nere, be ne're the neere.
Goe, count thy way with ſighes, I, mine with Groanes.

Qu. So longeſt way ſhall have the longeſt moanes.

Rich. Twice for one ſtep ile groane, the way being ſhort,
And piece the way out with a heavy heart.
Come, come, in woing ſorrow let's be briefe,
Since wedding it, there is ſuch length in griefe:
One kiſſe ſhall ſtop our mouthes, and doubly part;
Thus give I mine, and thus thus take I thy heart.

Qu. Give me mine owne againe: 'twere no good part,
To take on me to keepe, and kill thy heart.
So, now I have mine owne againe, be gone,
That I may ſtrive to kill it with a groane.

Rich. We make woe wanton with this fond delay:
Once more adieu; the reſt let ſorrow ſay. *Exeunt.*

Scæna Secunda.

Enter Yorke, and his Dutcheſſe.

Dut. My Lord, you told me you would tell the reſt,
When weeping made you breake the ſtory off,
Of our two Coſins comming into London.

Yor. Where did I leave?

Dut. At that ſad ſtoppe, my Lord.
Where rude miſ-govern'd hands, from windowes tops,
Threw duſt and rubbiſh on King *Richards* head.

Yor. Then, as I ſayd, the Duke (great *Bullingbrooke*,)
Mounted upon a hot and fiery Steed,
Which his aſpiring Rider ſeem'd to know,
With ſlow, but ſtately pace, kept on his courſe:
While all tongues cri'd, God ſave thee *Bullingbrooke*,
You would have thought the very windowes ſpake,

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So many greedy lookes of young and old,
Through Casements darted their desiring eyes
Vpon his visage; and that all the walles
With painted Imagery had sayd at once,
Iesu preserve thee, welcome *Bullingbrooke*.
Whil'st he, from one side to the other turning,
Bare-headed, lower then his proud Steeds necke,
Bespake them thus: I thanke you Countri-men;
And thus still doing, thus he past along.

Dutch. Alas poore *Richard*, where rides he the whilst?

Yorke. As in a Theater, the eyes of men
After a well grac'd Actor leaves the stage,
Are idlely bent on him that enters next,
Thinking his prattle to be tedious.
Even so, or with much more contempt, mens eyes
Did scowle on *Richard*; no man cride, God save him;
No joyfull tongue gave him his welcome home,
But dust was throwne upon his sacred head,
Which with such gentle sorrow he shooke off,
His face still combating with teares and smiles
(The badges of his greefe and patience)
That had not God (for some strong purpose) steel'd
The hearts of men, they must perforce have melted,
And Barbarisme it selfe have pitied him.
But Heaven hath a hand in these events,
To whose high will we bound our calme contents,
To *Bullingbrooke*, are we sworne Subjects now,
Whose State, and Honour, I for aye allow.

Enter Aumerle.

Dut. Heere comes my sonne *Aumerle*.

Yor. *Aumerle* that was,
But that is lost, for being *Richards* Friend.
And Madam, you must call him *Rutland* now;
I am in Parliament pledge for his truth,
And lasting fealty to the new-made King.

Dut. Welcome my sonne; who are the Violets now,
That strew the greene lap of the new-come Spring?

Aum. Madam, I know not, nor I greatly care not;
God knowes, I had as liefe be none as one.

Yor. Well, beare you well in this new-spring of time,
Least you be cropt before you come to prime. (umphs?
What news from Oxford? Hold those Iusts and Tri-

Aum. For ought I know my Lord, they doe.

Yor. You will be there I know.

Aum. If God prevent not, I purpose so.

Yor. What seale is that that hangs without thy bosome
Yea, look'st thou pale? Let me see the writing.

Aum. My Lord, 'tis nothing.

Yor. No matter then who sees it,
I will be satisfied, let me see the writing.

Aum. I do beseech your Grace to pardon me,
It is a matter of small consequence,
VVhich for some reasons I would not have seene.

Yor. VVhich for some reasons sir, I meane to see:
I feare, I feare.

Dut. VVhat should you feare?
'Tis nothing but some Bond, that he is entred into
For gay apparrell against the Triumph.

Yor. Bound to himselfe? what doth he with a bond
That he is bound to? wife, you are a foole.
Boy, let me see the writing.

Aum. I doe beseech you pardon me, I may not shew it.

Yor. I will be satisfied, let me see't I say. *Snatches it.*
Treason, foule treason, villaine, traytor, slave.

Dut. VVhat's the matter, my Lord?

Yor. Hoa, who's within there; saddle my horse,
Heaven for his mercy what treachery is here?

Dut. Why, what is't my Lord?

Yor. Give me my boots, I say; Saddle my horse:
Now by my honour, my life, my troth.
I will appeach the villaine.

Dut. What is the matter?

Yor. Peace foolish woman.

Dut. I will not peace, what is the matter sonne?

Aum. Good mother be content, it is no more
Then my poore life must answer.

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Dut. Thy life answer?

Enter Servant with Boots.

Yor. Bring my Boots, I will unto the King.

Dut. Strike him *Aumerle.* Poore boy, thou art amaz'd,
Hence Villaine, never more come in my sight.

Yor. Give me my Boots I say.

Dut. Why *Yorke*, what wilt thou doe?
Wilt thou not hide the trespasse of thine owne?
Have we more sonnes? Or are we like to have?
Is not my teeming date drunke up with time?
And wilt thou plucke my faire sonne from mine Age,
And rob me of a happy mothers name?
Is he not like thee? is he not thine owne?

Yor. Thou fond and mad woman,
Wilt thou conceale this darke conspiracy?
A dozen of them here have tane the Sacrament,
And enterchangeably set downe their hands
To kill the King at Oxford.

Dut. He shall be none:
Wee'l keepe him here: then what is that to him:

Yor. Away fond woman: were he twenty times my sonne, I would appeach him.

Dut. Hadst thou groan'd for him, as I have done,
Thou wouldest be more pittifull:
But now I know thy minde; thou do'st suspect
That I have beene disloyall to thy bed,
And that he is a bastard, not thy sonne:
Sweet *Yorke*, sweet husband, be not of that mind:
He is as like thee, as a man may be,
Not like to me, nor any of my Kin,
And yet I love him.

Yor. Make way, unruly woman. *Exit.*

Dut. After *Aumerle.* Mount thee upon his Horse,
Spurre post, and get before him to the King,
And beg thy pardon, ere he doe accuse thee,
Ile not be long behinde: though I be old,
I doubt not but to ride as fast as Yorke:
And never will I rise up from the ground,
Till *Bullingbrooke* have pardon'd thee: Away, be gone, *Ex.*

Scæna Tertia.

Enter Bullingbrooke, Percy, and other Lords.

Bul. Can no man tell of my unthrifty sonne?
'Tis full three monthes since I did see him last.
If any plague hang over us, 'tis he:
I would to heaven (my Lords) he might be found,
Enquire at London, 'mongst the Tavernes there:
For there (they say) he daily doth frequent,
With un-restrained loose Companions,
Even such (they say) as stand in narrow Lanes,
And rob our watch, and beate our passengers,
Which he (young wanton, and effeminate Boy)
Takes on the poynt of honour, to support
So dissolute a crew.

Per. My Lord, some two dayes since I saw the Prince,
And told him of these triumphes held at Oxford.

Bul. And what sayd the Gallant?

Per. His answer was, he would unto the stewes,
And from the common'st creature plucke a glove
And weare it as a favour, and with that
He would unhorse the lustiest challenger.

Bul. As dissolute as desp'rate, yet through both,
I see some sparks of better hope: which elder dayes
May happily bring forth. But who comes here?

Enter Aumerle.

Aum. Where is the King?

Bul. What meanes my Cosin, that he stares
And lookes so wildely?

Aum. God save your Grace, I doe beseech your Majesty
To have some conference with your Grace alone.

Bul. Withdraw your selves, and leave us here alone,
What is the the matter with our Cosin now?

Aum.

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Aum. For ever may my knees grow to the earth,
My tongue cleave to my roofe within my mouth,
Vnleſſe a pardon, ere I riſe or ſpeake.
Bul. Intended or committed was this fault?
If on the firſt, how hainous ere it be,
To winne thy after-love I pardon thee.
Aum. Then give me leave, that I may turne the key,
That no man enter till the tale be done.
Bul. Have thy deſire. *Yorke within.*
Yor. My Liege beware, looke to thy ſelfe,
Thou haſt a Traytor in thy preſence there.
Bul. Villaine, ile make thee ſafe. feare.
Aum. Stay thy revengefull hand, thou haſt no cauſe to
Yor. Open the doore, ſecure foole-hardy King:
Shall I for love ſpeake treaſon to thy face?
Open the doore, or I will breake it open. *Enter Yorke.*
Bul. What is the matter (Vncle) ſpeake, recover breath,
Tell us how neere is danger,
That we may arme us to encounter it.
Yor. Peruſe this writing here, and thou ſhalt know
The reaſon that my haſte forbids me ſhow.
Aum. Remember as thou read'ſt, thy promiſe paſt:
I doe repent me reade not my name there,
My heart is not confederate with my hand.
Yor. It was (villaine) ere thy hand did ſet it downe.
I tore it from the traytors boſome, (King.)
Feare and not loue, begets his penitence;
Forget to pitty him, leaſt thy pitty prove
A ſerpent, that will ſting thee to the heart.
Bul. Oh heinous, ſtrong, and bold conſpiracy,
O loyall Father of a trecherous Sonne:
Thou ſheere, immaculate, and ſilver fountaine,
From whence this ſtreame, through muddy paſſages
Hath had his current, and defil'd himſelfe.
Thy overflow of good, converts to bad,
And thine abundant goodneſſe ſhall excuſe
This deadly plot, in thy digreſſing ſonne.
Yor. So ſhall my vertue be his vices bawd,

And he in ſpend mine Honour, with his ſhame:
As thriftleſſe Sonnes their ſcraping Fathers Gold.
Mine honour lives when his diſhonour dyes,
Or my ſham'd life in his diſhonour lies:
Thou kill'ſt me in his life, giving him breath,
The Traitor lives, the true man's put to death.
Dutcheſſe within.
Dut. What hoa (my Liege) for Heavens ſake let me in.
Bul. What ſhrill-voic'd ſuppliant makes this eager cry?
Dut. A Woman and thine Aunt (great King) 'tis I.
Speake with me; pitty me, open the doore,
A begger begs, that never begg'd before.
Bul. Our Scene is alter'd from a ſerious thing,
And now chang'd to the begger, and the King:
My dangerous Coſin, let your Mother in,
I know ſhe's come to pray for your foule ſin.
Yor. If thou do pardon, whoſoever pray,
More ſinnes for this forgiveneſſe, proſper may.
This feſter'd joynt cut off, the reſt reſts ſound,
This let alone, will all the reſt confound. *Enter Dutcheſſe.*
Dut. O King, beleeve not this hard-hearted man,
Love, loving not it ſelfe, none other can.
Yor. Thou franticke woman, what doſt thou make here,
Shall thy old dugges once more a Traitor reare?
Dut. Sweet *Yorke* be patient, heare me gentle Liege.
Bul. Riſe up good Aunt.
Du. Not yet, I thee beſeech.
For ever will I kneele upon my knees,
And never ſee day that the happy ſees,
Till thou give joy: vntill thou bid me ioy,
By pardoning *Rutland*, my tranſgreſſing Boy.
Aum. Vnto my Mothers prayers, I bend my knee.
Yorke. Againſt them both, my true joynts bended be.
Dut. Pleades he in earneſt? Looke upon his Face,
His eyes do drop no teares: his prayers are in jeſt:
His words come from his mouth, ours from our breſt
He prayes but faintly, and would be deny'd,
VVe pray with heart, and ſoule, and all beſide:

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His weary joynts would gladly rise, I know,
Our knees shall kneele, till to the ground they grow:
His prayers are full of false hypocrisy,
Ours of true zeale, and deepe integrity:
Our prayers do out-pray his, then let him have
That mercy which true prayers ovght to have.
Bul. Good Aunt stand up.
Dut. Nay, doe not say stand up.
But pardon first, and afterwards stand up.
And if I were thy Nurse thy tongue to teach,
Pardon should be the first word of thy speech.
I never long'd to heare a word till now:
Say Pardon (King,) let pitty teach thee how.
The word is short, but not so short as sweet,
No word like Pardon, for Kings mouth's so meet.
Yor. Speake it in French, (King) say, *Pardon'ne moy.*
Dut. Dost thou teach pardon, Pardon to destroy?
Ah my sowre husband, my hard-hearted Lord,
That set'st the word it selfe, against the word.
Speake pardon as 'tis currant in our Land,
The chopping French we doe not understand.
Thine eye begins to speake, set thy tongue there;
Or in thy pittious heart, plant thou thine eare.
That hearing how your plaints and prayers doe pearce,
Pitty may move thee, pardon to rehearse.
Bul. Good Aunt stand up.
Dut. I doe not sue to stand,
Pardon is all the suit I have in hand.
Bul. I pardon him as heaven shall pardon me;
Dut. O happy vantage of a kneeling knee:
Yet am I sicke for feare; speake it againe,
Twice saying pardon, doth not pardon twaine,
But makes one pardon strong.
Bul. I pardon him with all my heart.
Dut. A God on earth thou art.
Bul. But for our trusty brother-in-law, the Abbot,
With all the rest of that consorted crew,
Destruction straight shall dogge them at the heeles.
Good

Good Vncle helpe to order severall powers
To Oxford, or where ere these traytors are:
They shall not live within this world I sweare,
But I will have them if I once knew where.
Vncle farewell, and Cosin too adieu:
Your mother well hath pray'd, and prove you true.
Dut. Come my old son, I pray heaven make thee new.
Enter Exton, and Servant. *Exit.*
Ex. Didst thou not marke the King what words he spake.
Have I no friend will rid me of this living feare:
Was it not so?
Ser. Those were his words.
Ex. Have I no friend (quoth he) he spake it twice,
And urg'd it twice together did he not?
Ser. He did.
Ex. And speaking it he wistly look'd on me,
As who should say, I would thou wer't the man,
That would divorce this terror from my heart,
Meaning the King at Pomfret: Come, let's goe,
I am the King's friend, and will rid his Foe. *Exit.*

Scæna Quarta.

Enter Richard.
Rich. I have beene studying how to compare
This Prison where I liue, unto the world:
And for because the world is populous,
And here is not a creature, but my selfe,
I cannot doe it: yet ile hammer't out.
My braine, ile prove the female to my Soule
My soule, the father: and these two beget
A generation of still breeding thoughts;
And these same thoughts, people this little world
In humors like the people of this world,
For no thought is contented. The better sort,

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As thoughts of things Divine, are intermixt
With ſcruples, and do ſet the Faith it ſelfe
Againſt the Faith ; as thus Come little ones ; and then
It is as hard to come, as for a Camell (againe,
To thred the poſterne of a Needles eye.
Thoughts tending to Ambition, they do plot
Vnlikely wonders ; how theſe vaine weake nailes
May teare a paſſage through the Flinty ribbes
Of this hard world, my ragged priſon walles ;
And for they cannot, dye in their owne pride.
Thoughts tending to Content, flatter themſelves,
That they are not the firſt of Fortunes ſlaves,
Nor ſhall not be the laſt. Like ſilly Beggars,
Who ſitting in the Stockes, refuſe that ſhame
That many have, and others muſt ſit there ;
And in this thought, they finde a kind of eaſe,
Bearing their owne misfortune on the backe
Of ſuch as have before indur'd the like.
Thus play I in one Priſon, many people,
And none contented. Sometimes am I King ;
Then Treaſon makes me wiſh my ſelfe a Begger,
And ſo I am. Then cruſhing penury,
Perſwades me, I was better when a King ;
Then am I king'd againe ; and by and by,
Thinke that I am un-king'd by *Bullingbrooke*,
And ſtraight am nothing. But what ere I am, *Muſicke.*
Nor I, nor any man, that but man is,
With nothing ſhall be pleas'd, till he be eas'd
With being nothing. Muſicke doe I heare ?
Ha, ha ? keepe time ; How ſowre ſweet Muſicke is,
When time is broke, and no Proportion kept ?
So is it in the Muſicke of mens lives :
And here have I the daintineſſe of eare,
To heare time broke in a diſorder'd ſtring :
But for the Concord of my State and time,
Had not an eare to heare my true Time broke.
I waſted Time, and now doth Time waſte me :
For now hath time made me his numbring Clocke :

My

My thoughts are minutes ; and with ſighes they iarre,
Their watches to mine eyes the outward Watch,
Whereto my finger, like a Dialls point,
Is poynting ſtill, in cleanſing them from teares.
Now ſir, the ſound that tels what houre it is,
Are clamorous grones, that ſtrike upon my heart,
Which is the bell : ſo ſighes and teares, and grones,
Shew minutes, houres, and times : O but my time
Runs poaſting on, in *Bullingbrookes* proud ioy,
While I ſtand fooling here, his jacke o'th' Clocke.
This Muſicke mads me, let it ſound no more,
For though it have holpe mad men to their wits,
In me it ſeemes, it will make wiſe-men mad :
Yet bleſſing on his heart that gives it me ;
For 'tis a ſigne of love, and love to *Richard*,
Is a ſtrange brooch, in this all-hating world.

Enter Groome.

Groo. Haile Royall Prince.

Rich. Thankes Noble Peere.
The cheapeſt of us, is ten grotes to deare.
What art thou ? And how com'ſt thou hither ?
Where no man ever comes, but that ſad dogge
That brings me food, to make misfortune live ?

Groo. I was a poore Groome of thy ſtable (King)
When thou wer't King, who travelling towards Yorke,
With much adoo, at length have gotten leave
To looke upon my (ſometimes Royall) maſters face.
O how it yern'd my heart, when I beheld
In London ſtreets, that Corronation day,
When *Bullingbrooke* rode on Roane Barbary,
That Horſe, that thou ſo often haſt beſtrid,
That Horſe, that I ſo carefully haue dreſt.

Rich. Rode he on Barbary ? tell me gentle friend,
How went he under him ?

Groo. So proudly, as if he had diſdain'd the ground.

Rich. So proud, that *Bullingbrooke* was on his back.
That jade hath eate bread from my Royall hand
This hand hath made him proud with clapping

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Would he not ſtumble? would he not fall downe
(Since pride muſt have a fall) and breake the necke
Of that proud man, that did uſurpe his backe?
Forgiveneſſe horſe; why do I raile on thee,
Since thou created to be aw'd by man
Was't borne to beare? I was not made a horſe
And yet I beare a burthen like an Aſſe,
Spur-gall'd, and tyr'd by jauncing *Bullingbrooke*,

Enter Keeper with a diſh.

Keep. Fellow, give place, here is no longer ſtay.

Rich. If thou love me, 'tis time thou wer't away.

Groo. What my tongue dares not, that my heart ſhall ſay. *Exit.*

Keep. My Lord wilt pleaſe you to fall too?

Rich. Taſte of it firſt, as thou wer't wont to doo.

Keep. My Lord I dare not: Sir *Percy* of Exton,
Who lately came from th King, commands the contrary.

Rich. The divell take *Henry* of Lancaſter, and thee;
Patience is ſtale and I am weary of it.

Keep. Helpe, helpe, helpe.

Enter Exton and Servants.

Ri. How now? what meanes death in this rude aſſault?
Villaine, thine owne hand yeilds thy deaths inſtrument,
Goe thou, and fill another roome in hell.

Exton ſtrikes him downe.

That hand ſhall burne in never-quenching fire,
That ſtaggers thus my perſon. *Exton*, thy fierce hand,
Hath with the Kings blood, ſtain'd the Kings owne land.
Mount, mount my ſoule, thy ſeate is up on high,
Whil'ſt my groſſe fleſh ſinkes downeward here to dye.

Ex. As full of valour as of Royall blood.
Both have I ſpilt: Oh would the deed were good,
For now the divell, that told me I did well,
Sayes that this deed is Chronicled in hell.
This dead King to the living King ile beare,
Take hence the reſt; and give them buriall here. *Exit.*

Scæna

Scæna Quinta.

Flouriſh, Enter Bullingbrooke, Yorke, with other Lords, and Attendants.

Bul. Vncle Yorke, the lateſt newes we heare,
Is that the Rebels have conſum'd with fire
Our Towne of Ciceter in Gloceſterſhire,
But whether they be tane or ſlaine, we heare not

Enter Northumberland.

VVelcome my Lord, what is the newes?

Nor. Firſt, to thy ſacred ſtate, wiſh I all happineſſe:
The next newes is, I have to London ſent
The heads of *Salisbury*, *Spencer*, *Blunt*, and *Kent*:
The manner of their taking may appeare
At large diſcourſed in this paper here.

Bul. We thanke thee gentle *Percy* for thy paines,
And to thy worth will adde right worthy gaines.

Enter Fitz-water.

Fitz. My Lord, I have from Oxford ſent to London,
The heads of *Broccas*, and Sir *Bennet Seely*,
Two of the dangerous conſorted Traitors,
That fought at Oxford, thy dire overthrow.

Bul. Thy paines *Fitz-water*, ſhall not be forgot,
Right Noble is thy merit, well I wot.

Enter Percy, and Carlile.

Per. The grand conſpirator, *Abbot* of *Weſtminſter*,
VVith clog of conſcience, and ſowre melancholly,
Hath yeilded up his body to the graue,
But here is *Carlile*, living to abide
Thy Kingly doome, and ſentence of his pride.

Bul. Carlile, this is your doome:
Chooſe out ſome ſecret place, ſome reverend roome
More than thou haſt, and with it joy thy ſelfe:
So as thou liv'ſt in peace, dye free from ſtrife:

For

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For though mine enemy thou haſt ever beene,
High ſparkes of honour in thee I have ſeene.

Enter Exton with a Coffin.

Exton. Great King, within this Coffin I preſent
Thy buried feare. Herein all breathleſſe lies
The mightieſt of thy greateſt enemies
Richard of Burdeaux, by me hither brought.

Bul. Exton, I thanke thee not, for thou haſt wrought
A deed of ſlaughter, with thy fatall hand.
Vpon my head, and all this famous Land.

Ex. From your owne mouth my Lord, did I this deed.

Bul. They love not poyſon, that doe poyſon need,
Nor doe I thee: though I did wiſh him dead,
I hate the murtherer, love him murthered.
The guilt of conſcience take thou for thy labour,
But neyther my good word, nor Princely favour.
With *Caine* goe wander through the ſhade of night,
And never ſhew thy head by day, nor light.
Lords, I proteſt my ſoule is full of woe,
That blood ſhould ſprinkle me, and make me grow,
Come mourne with me, for that I doe lament,
And put on ſullen blacke incontinent:
Ile make a voyage to the Holy-land.
To waſh this blood off from my guilty hand.
March ſadly after, grace my mourning here,
In weeping after this untimely beere. *Exeunt.*

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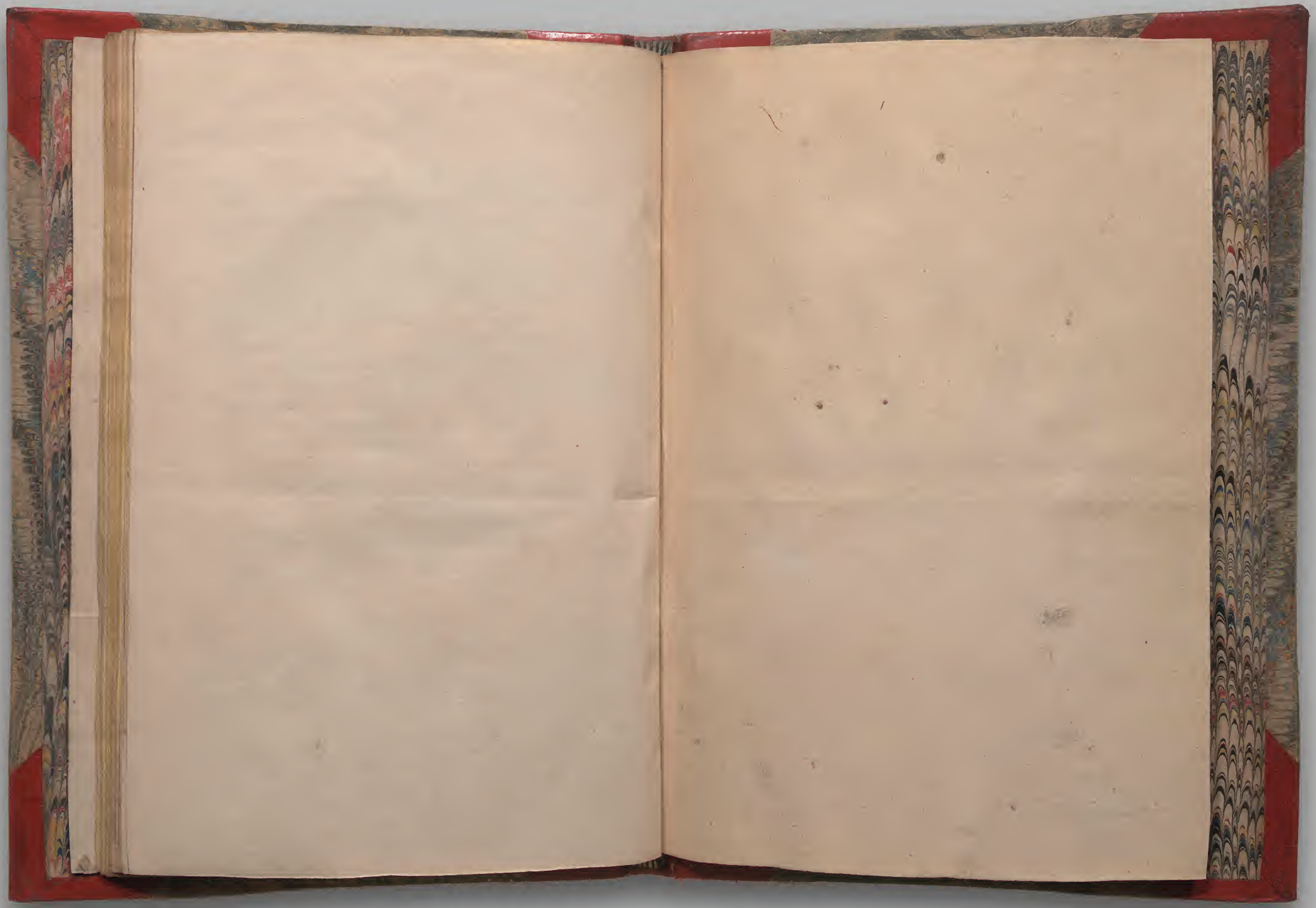

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